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THE CONGRESS Hall is mainly responsible for the world-wide reputation of Davos, particularly through its annual symposium, where heads of state and other leading figures of the political and economic world meet while on the other side of the station, the funicular gaily tackles the Welschfluhjosh slope. At Welschfluhjosh, skiers admire the expansive view before gliding down the beautiful slopes which have made Davos famous.

Here starts the interesting reading!

The alarm clock is ringing... no way out, another day of great sensation is going to start: you get up, put your outfit on and eat a nice Swiss breakfast. There, you are ready to bind on the skis. You take the Gondola and the T-bar to get you up to the top of the mountain.

Then, you see, it: it is white, pure, clean — wet when you touch it, cold when you feel it. It is Snow! An immeasurable view makes you understand that each run you will take will show you that the more you've got to see, the more you've got to go. It is time to let yourself live a great sensation, a sensation out of nowhere — out of space.

The wind is blowing and you feel like you are flying. You look down at the spectacular scene: people are dressed in fluorescent outfits, in blue, yellow, pink, green... they are living the same dream as you. Finally down hill, you take another lift back up to Davos to take the run down to Davos Port. But first, you stop to get a drink and realize how your body is out of feeling, the sun is shining, and the white clouds are

moving with the breeze. Far away there is the Jakobshorn and all the beauty of a snowy mountain.

Now, it is time to rest, to take off your gloves and sun glasses, to breathe the fresh air full of oxygen, to get tanned, to relax... You drink a home-made hot chocolate before starting a new trip down the hill.

Unfortunately, clouds are getting upset with the sun. It becomes dark and cold. You find out that your trail of today is over, it is time to head back the city of Davos. The snow is now coming down, you cannot see and you are into the deep fresh snow... wet... It is cold...

Down, you look back up and realize that you have just lived a white dream that only skiers can dream to the real world: you are heavy, your feet are not you... You are ready to lie down because all your body is tired. Well, you take a good night sleep and tomorrow you will join the snow dreamers. Now just fly into a deep sleep... your dream may come true!

Time goes on... the alarm clock is ringing again...

Besides Alpine skiing, there are over 75 km. of perfectly groomed Langlauf runs at their disposal. The region of Davos lends itself admirably to this. There is a unique run with 20 turns and bends which is reserved for another type of snow lovers: the sledge runners. You start next to the per farmine of the Schatzalp, the sleighway and you end with a steep run beside the lower farmine. So, if you get the chance to live a snow dream, give yourself a day out of the daily humdrum!

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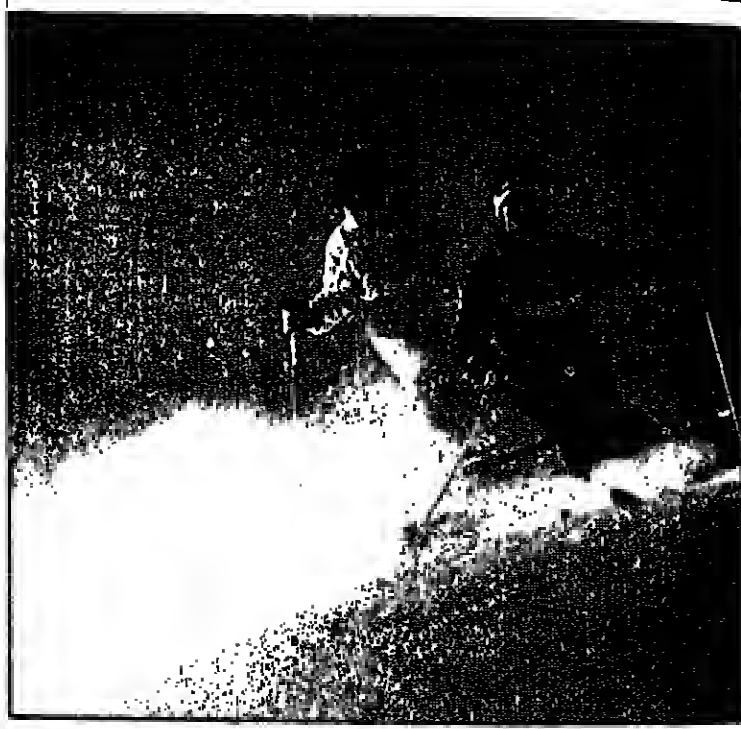
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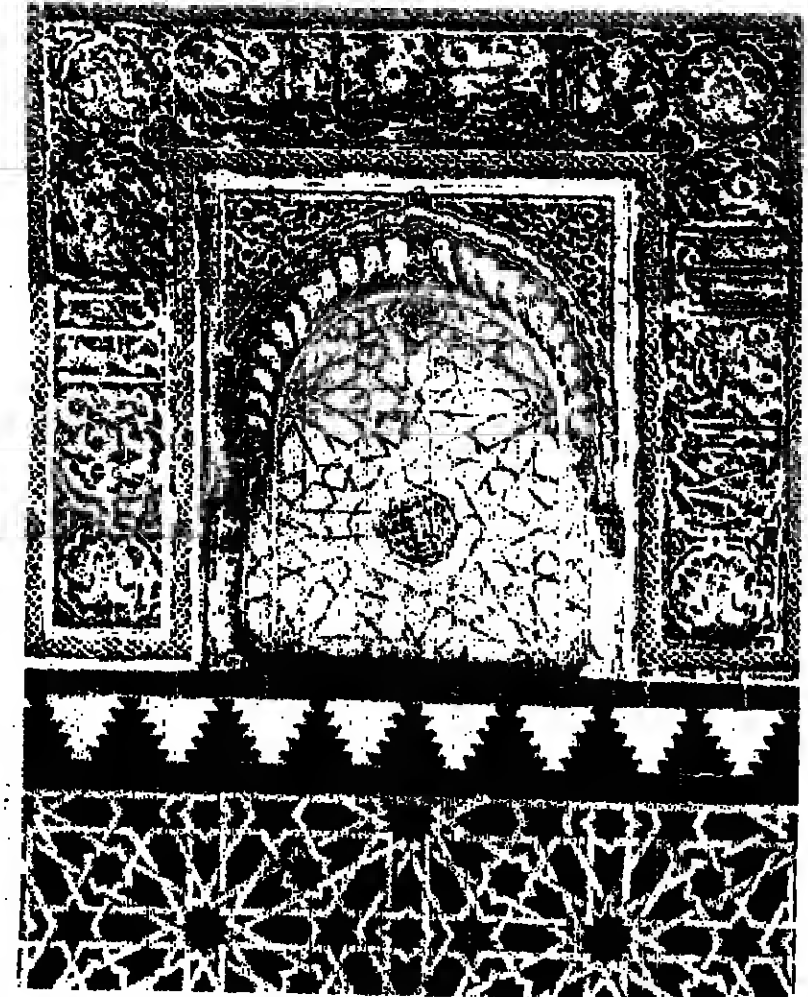
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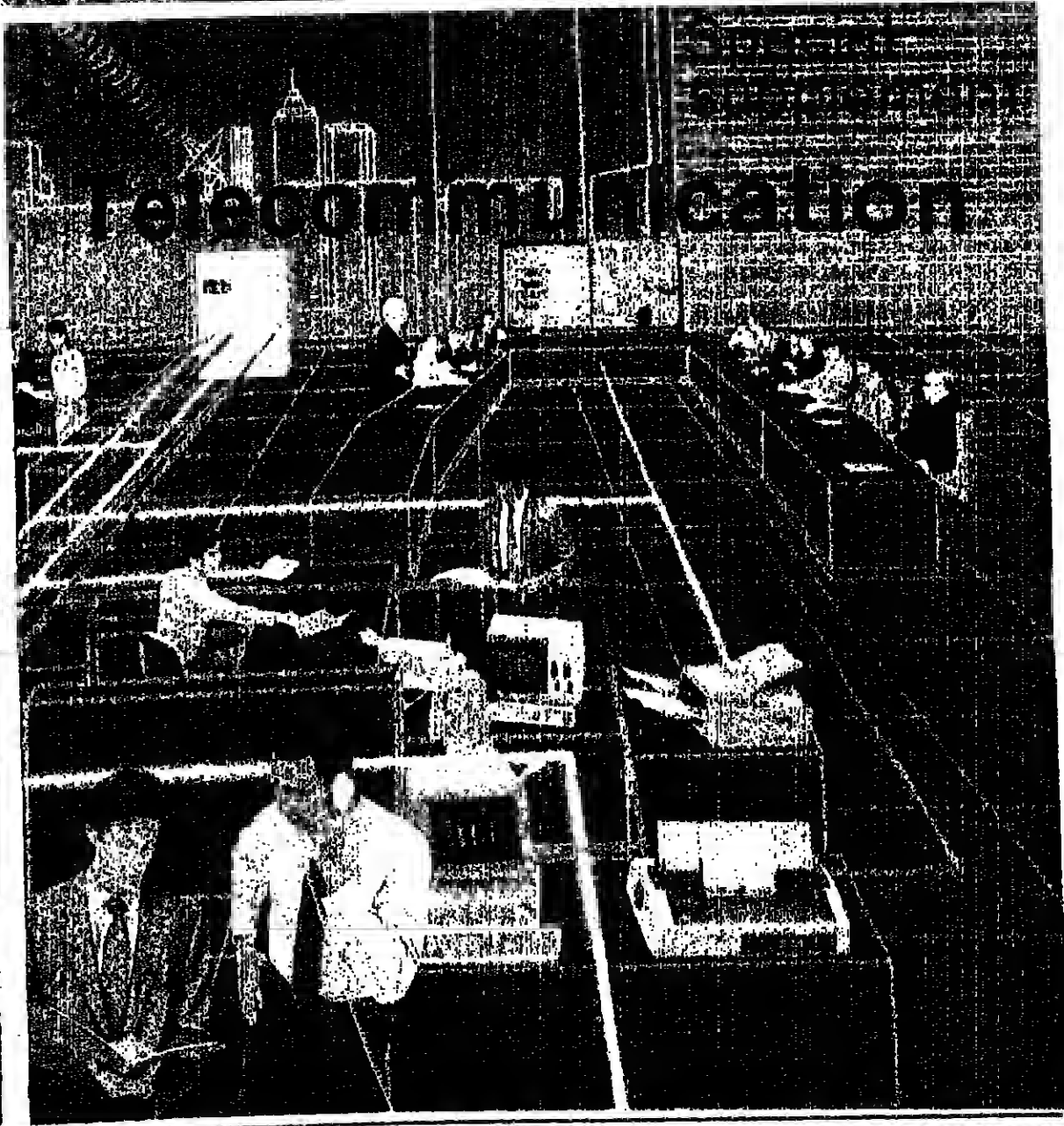


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AAC pledges unlimited support for Palestinian universities



Representatives of Arab universities during the 21st session of the AAC which was held in San'a.

By Frida Mdanat
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THE ASSOCIATION of Arab Universities (AAU) declared its unlimited support for Palestinian universities in the occupied territories, and endorsed the resumption of the membership of Egyptian universities in AAU following a suspension of eight years. These and many more resolutions were adopted during the AAU sixteenth General Conference, and 21st Session which were held in San'a University, Yemen, between 14-15 February this year, according to AAU Secretary-General Dr Mohammad F. Dughelm.

Dr Dughelm, who returned from Yemen last week where he was re-elected for the second

three-year term — as secretary-general of the AAU, told The Star that the Association Council had decided to exempt Palestinian universities from AAU membership fees and provide them with books and equipment, and offer more Palestinian students scholarships in Arab universities.

The council, which hosted 44 presidents or representatives, from Arab universities, has also approved a plan to translate into Arabic pamphlets issued on higher education by international organizations such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Association of Universities (IAU).

Also, during its meetings, noted Dr Dughelm, the council

accepted the membership of two new Arab universities with which the total number of AAU members has reached 81 and will further increase with the return of Egyptian Universities.

"A number of academic projects have been put forward on the council's 1988 agenda," said Dr Dughelm. Those include numerous conferences and seminars on higher education in the Arab World in addition to other topics such as engineering, surgery, teaching and curricula. "Jordan," he said, "will be hosting a conference entitled 'Access to Higher Education' due to be held in November this year as a joint effort with IAU."

"On the other hand, the AAU General Conference, which meets once every three years," said Dr Dughelm, "has discussed during its meetings a number of papers which were presented by university professors and experts on the higher education in the year 2000 in the Arab World." "Those and other proceedings of the conference will be published in a special book sometime this year," noted Dr Dughelm. He said, "The conference has called on Arab universities to review the current academic institutions and consider other means of obtaining higher education, such as open universities and continuing education."

Discussions also dealt with the Arabization of teaching curricula. "Such a step," said Dr Dughelm, "calls for the unification of Arab terminology." He said, "This project is underway with the collaboration of all Arab universities, educational centres and academics." Furthermore, Dr Dughelm said, "The conference called for the widening of graduate studies in all fields and the ensuring of the appropriate teaching staff to serve this purpose."

Established in 1969 following a suggestion which was made during a seminar held in Benghazi, Libya, in 1961 on the problems facing higher education, the AAU carries out its activities through its committees which are selected to conduct studies on curricula, graduate studies, issues pertinent to faculty and student affairs, laboratories, and higher education policies.

In September 1989, the first meeting of the General Conference was held in Alexandria and the temporary secretariat which was formed in 1965 was changed into a permanent one. Dr Dughelm, holder of Doctorate degree in Arabic Literature, who assumed his duties as Secretary-General in 1984 when Amman became AAU headquarters, said that the association maintains close co-operation with Arab and international organizations in its aims to establish and strengthen relations between Arab universities in the area of joint conventions, seminars and academic projects, as well as the exchange of staff students and publications.

"The Association," noted Dr Dughelm, "is currently involved in establishing an information network with the collaboration of UNESCO and an Arab Homeland Atlas, whose first three phases are now ready for print." "The atlas," he said, "will include information on the economy, agriculture, population, soil and water resources of the Arab World."

Kharachev praises Jordanian-Soviet relations

AMMAN — Soviet Religious Affairs Council Chairman Constructive Kharachev has said that the ties of friendship between Jordanian and Soviet Muslims are very strong and that the Soviet peoples are looking forward to more co-operation with Jordan in all fields.

In an interview with Ad-Dustour newspaper during his four-day visit to Jordan which ended on Sunday, Mr Kharachev said he believed in the importance of such visits which he hoped "would consolidate the friendly relations between the two countries." The Soviet official said the objective of the tour, which came in implementation of an agreement reached by His Majesty King Hussein and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev

during His Majesty's last visit to the Soviet Union, was to meet with Muslim officials in order to get a clear perception of the circumstances under which Muslims are living — a thing encouraged by Islam.

Mr Kharachev said there is great likelihood of further development of relations among Soviet Muslims and other Muslim peoples through the exchange of visits and delegations. "We welcome any co-operation among the Muslim associations in the Soviet Union and other Muslim countries because of the great impact such co-operation will have on the process of strengthening ties among them," he said.



The Soviet delegation during their visit to Jordan

On the popular Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, Mr Kharachev described as acts of terrorism the Israeli measures against the Palestinian people. Where are the human rights for which they (the Israelis) cry?" he wondered.

The Soviet official reiterated his

country's stand vis-a-vis the situation in the Middle East, which calls for a just and durable settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He voiced Moscow's condemnation of the repressive Israeli measures against the Arab population of the occupied territories,

and expressed support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination. He stressed the necessity of the Israeli occupation forces withdrawal from Arab lands occupied by force.

"The peoples of the Soviet Union, especially the Muslims, stand by their Palestinian brethren in their heroic struggle against the occupation," he said.

As regards the situation of Muslims living in the Soviet Union, Mr Kharachev admitted that "there are some difficulties and problems among the Muslim associations and the Soviet government," but said that the West exaggerates in its presentation of these problems. "The problems are social, and both the government and the Muslim societies are working to solve them. The ten million Muslims living in the Soviet Union enjoy total freedom and practice their religious rituals in natural and continuous manner. There is no truth in saying that the Soviet Muslims are oppressed," he said.

WNC protests against US support of Israel

ON THE occasion of the US Secretary of State's visit to the region, the Women National Committee in Jordan issued a statement in which they protested against the continuous American support to Israel, and voiced their rejection of any partial settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Your (the American's) aid to Israel this year is \$3 billion, most of which is allocated to destructive, exterminating weapons employed by the Zionist war-machines against the Palestinian existence," the statement said.

The statement said that the heroic popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories is an "uprising against all sorts of coercion, subjugation, and torture." "The Palestinian nation," the statement added, "does not fear death, or the barbaric Israeli massacres. Many villagers who were quiet are now participating in the glorious uprising. The fathers who were very concerned about their children's safety, are now proud of them as fighters, martyrs, wounded and martyrs — because they have nothing to lose except their bonds."

The statement expressed the committee's total rejection of "self-administration, any other leadership replacing the PLO — the only legal representative of the Palestinians and any other alternative to the international peace conference with full authority to end the Israeli occupation, grant the dispersed Palestinians their right to return to their homeland, to self-determination and establishment of their independent state on their land with the leadership of the PLO."

Women's week marked

All through this week, women's groups in Jordan will be holding several activities including lectures on various issues of concern to the Arab woman. The next issue of The Star will have a comprehensive coverage of these activities.



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By Ayman Al-Safadi
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THE SHADES of the evening draw on, and but for low light figures dragging their bodies through the dimly-lit muddy streets of the industrial city of Zarqa, one would think the city has been deserted. It is not raining heavily but it chills me to the very marrow.

The desert wind which has brought the cold carries with it the vibration of a voice, which though faint, sounds as if it is struggling to reach all the corners of the town.

A careful ear can distinguish the message: "Two films for one ticket. The best movies of the season. See the best Italian cinema has produced this year."

The voice seems so inviting that as the minutes pass, flocks of young teenagers, and old men who are teen aging gather in front of the three-storey movie house. Three young men — in fact three children for childhood is marked by innocence — or is it in this case ignorance — approach the building. One goes in the ticket window, while the others stand behind him with their eyes looking up, trying to absorb

Inside a downtown cinema

every detail of the almost naked body of a girl whose picture is spread over the three-metre wide stand.

"Isn't she something?" one remarks. "Yeh, she is".

"We are about to start. Don't miss this season's attraction. The jordan is at the beginning," the same voice screams with his energy renewed by the great gathering in front of him.

The group rushes to the gate of the brown building. Don't push," somebody says angrily. "Get out of my way" another says with a laugh. A kalleynh covering an old man's face falls down and the same energetic voice declares that there are enough seats for all.

Up the stairs they dash, and, surprisingly, they all run towards the front rows. Waves of babbling break out and thin hands, shaky hands and strong hands, start removing the "kalleynhs" and scarves that were covering their faces.

Now they feel secure. Their faces will now be unveiled only before people who share with them the guilt, the fear, or the shame? One wonders why they don't want to be known!

The light gets fainter as the lights are switched off one by one. "Why the delay? Start the show," someone shouts from his seat in the corner.

They don't seem to mind the broken uncomfortable seats. Not a single remark is made about them. All the eyes, all the young and old hearts are looking towards the once white but now yellowed screen. They don't seem to notice the numerous brown, black, and even red spots defacing it.

The whole building is decaying. From the ceiling of the building rows of dust and dirt creep down. On the right and left wall an old metal sign is hung. Even though most of the ink has been erased through the passage of time, a scrutinizing eye could

still decipher what it reads: "In compliance with the orders of the Minister of Health, no smoking is allowed inside this..." the last word is totally erased.

The lights go off. In the inky blackness the only glimmers of light come from the cigarettes that are in every hand and mouth.

Incomprehensible voices fill the silence. The show begins. The voices grow more imperceptible and an old man appears on the screen. He is talking to his young maid in the garden of his Gothic castle.

"Papsi, sandwich, cigarettes," calls a ten-year old child walking between the fully occupied rows. "Aren't you making it hard for people to hear?" He laughs loudly as if the question was the best joke ever. "People are not here to listen. They are here to watch, to gaze," he states with the confidence of a knowledgeable person.

"There are times when they turn all ears, mind you." He stops, shouts, "Papsi, cigarettes" then continues, "I know when that is, and I keep my mouth closed then."

The old man is still talking to his maid. His touches her lips, her breast, her hands — and "damn you" a strong voice curses. The scene is changed. The grey-haired man is now with another one of his maids in the kitchen. She is younger than the last one but not as easy-going. He pulls her towards him, and suddenly without any sort of introduction you find yourself watching a young man in bed with a blond girl in a modern apartment. The camera moves over their legs and is then focused on the face of the girl, who seems in complete ecstasy.

"She is ravishing" somebody says in a trembling voice. "Shut up" the one sitting next to him orders. The scene goes on and everyone is silent.

But shouts of anger fill the hush as the old man is back on the screen. He is now fighting with his sexy young wife who caught him seducing the maid.

He gives her a cheque. She goes to her lover who is waiting for her in a sports car outside the Gothic castle, and the lights are on.

Why are you here? "That is none of your business," answers a young fellow just approaching manhood. "Well," says his friend, "admit it. She is very beautiful."

Another person says he is here "because it is warm, cheap, and entertaining. Besides, how else can I kill this cold evening. I am sick and tired of the coffee-house."

Some hundred metres away from this movie house is another one. It is as old and decaying as the first, and though it does not show the same kind of pornographic movies, it attracts almost the same category of audience.

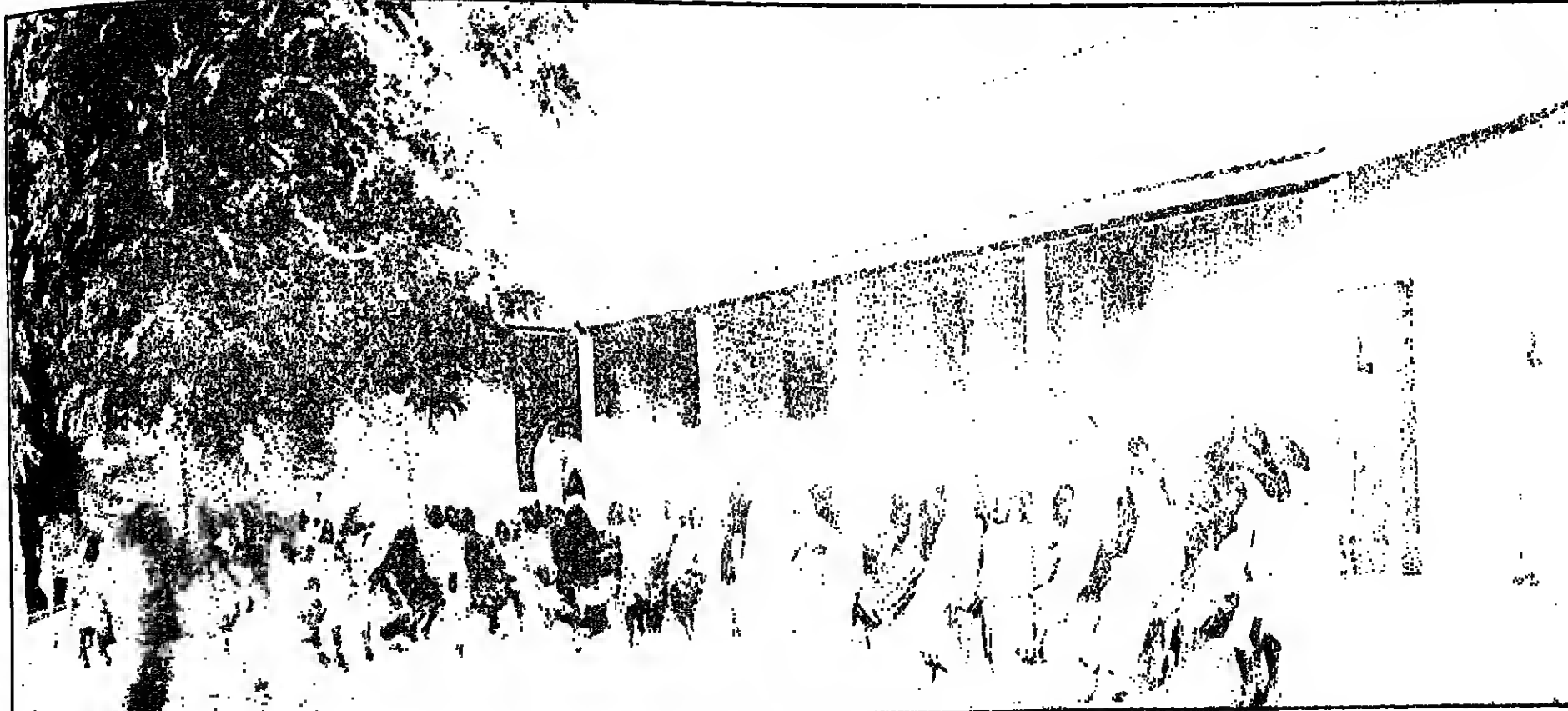
The Indian and Chinese movies which it shows appeal to the same uncultivated basic instincts of the human nature. The themes of their movies which are always centred around the struggle between good and evil have ever been cherished. But the danger of such movies is as great as that of the pornography. They isolate their audience from the real world in which they live and take them to a world of fantasy in which the good person always achieves victory over the villain.

These movies based on escape literature are considered by many youngsters, "to be the best movies with the best stories ever" according to an 18-year-old boy.

But according to intellectuals and critics, parents and responsible people should be very careful about introducing them to the younger generation.

These kinds of movies are not regular to one city in the kingdom. In fact, it is much easier to name the movies which do not fall under this category. One hears about many laws and regulations about the kind of films that should or should not be shown in the country. However, just one visit to any of those cinemas proves without a shadow of doubt that none of these laws are implemented.

For the owners of these cinemas, it is a highly profitable business as the cost of the best of the pornographic films, for instance, "does not exceed \$300." But, for the parents and for those in charge, what is at stake is the future of a generation.



The Alkass hospital has been expanded and up-graded, and is now open all year round

Answering the call of the Sudan

Jordan stresses long-term commitment

By Lema Kilani
Special to The Star

EVERY SO often we hear of another Jordanian medical mission leaving for Sudan. The TV news pictures show large amounts of cargo being loaded for the trip, and teams of doctors and nurses climb on board the plane. You may have wondered what it's all about, how it started, and why the job seems to be taking so long.

In 1985 the world began to realize with a shock that drought in the horn of Africa was reaching catastrophic proportions. Much of the attention was centred on the famine in Ethiopia, but during a visit to Sudan His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, saw the effects of the drought there as well.

As a result of his visit the Jordanian National Committee for Co-operation with Sudan was formed to raise funds and other donations from various Arab sources and to try to use these in the best possible way to help the people of Sudan.

Jordan has been closely involved in Sudan since the arrival of the first medical mission in January 1986. Up to now we have sent 16 teams, at the rate of one every two months, to Alkass Hospital, in the Darfur region in western Sudan. The latest one departed on 4 February, 1988.

Dr Abdul-Salam Abbadi, General Secretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, and Rapporteur for the National Committee, says, "Each mission consists of 20 medical personnel and includes consultants in surgery, medicine, obstetrics, and pediatrics, as well as nurses and others."

Each mission carries with it a plane load of medicines and antibiotics, painkillers, vaccinations, anaesthetics, vitamins, and so on. The foods include powdered milk, flour, rice, sugar, etc.

Dr Ali Almuhsien, who led the first mission and who has returned twice since then, recalls that "the situation there was extremely bad. Alkass medical hospital used to close most of the year due to the lack of staff and medicines. Luckily, before we arrived a preparatory

mission went to open the hospital, clean and equip it."

"We found people there who had been waiting for 20 or 30 years for operations which are called 'cold cases.' These are cases like haemorrhoids, hernia, varicose veins, and cataracts — cases which are not life-threatening, and so are passed over."

"We saw medical cases we had only read about in textbooks, especially those resulting from severe malnutrition and starvation, like kwashiorkor. Drought had claimed many victims. A great number of children and adults had died and a very large number of dehydration and malnutrition cases faced us when we first arrived."

"Working with such terrible medical conditions and helping the people there was extremely rewarding for me and for the other medical staff as well," says Dr Almuhsien. "We all feel that we have done an extremely essential and humane job there and we are all grateful for the opportunity we had to go there. The situation there has now improved a great deal since the mission."

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The reputation of the Jordanian missions has spread not only in the Alkass/Darfur region but to the neighbouring regions as well. Patients from all over Sudan plus some from Chad and other neighbouring countries come to seek help from the mission.

"The medical missions have been doing a great job," says Dr Abbadi. The number of patients being treated is enormous and the amount of help given to the Sudanese in preventive medicine, vaccinations, and general medical knowledge is invaluable in terms of preventing disease. In one month they treat around 10,000 patients in general prac-

tice, 1200 in internal medicine, 1,800 in obstetrics, and 500 in generic and skin diseases. There may also be as many as 150 different operations per month.

"The workers at the mission have concentrated not only on the day-to-day health problems of the people," Dr Abbadi emphasizes, "but also on preventive medicine. There have been massive campaigns to vaccinate all the children and efforts to clean the area of infectious diseases and prevent epidemics. Health centres have been opened."

All these measures were to help with the immediate crisis. In addition, in order to have a long-term effect the national committee began using their funds to update the water system, to build 20 new health units in schools and to establish an electricity network to serve the town of Alkass and the surrounding area. Improvement of the runway at Niyala Airport has facilitated the arrival of international help.

Other projects are aimed at improving agriculture, for the optimum use of the land, and include drilling wells and promoting the use of drip irrigation. All of these long-term projects are aimed at improving the situation in Sudan for years to come in order to prevent the old problems from recurring.

Dr Abbadi notes that the national committee has also taken on the job of expanding the existing hospital in Alkass. A new operating theatre is being added, along with two ten-bed wards, one for women and one for men. The medical laboratories and the X-ray room are being updated, and the number of out-patients clinics is being increased.

Work on the expansion scheme started in December 1987 and is now in its final stages. The Jordanian Armed Forces and the University of Jordan are helping by supplying the medical equipment for the new wards and clinics.

UNICEF has commended the work done by the Jordanian missions in that it has set an example to the world by answering the call of a neighbouring country in need.



Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, visited the area at the height of the drought in 1985

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Czechoslovak Charge D'Affaires

'Americans ignore reality of Mideast'

By Lella Deeb
Star Staff Writer

FORTY YEARS ago, the Czechoslovak working class, led by the Communist Party, "took the leading role in the national democratic revolution," celebrated on 24 February. The Czechoslovakians, both Czech and Slovaks, are very proud of their "revolution," which was in actuality done through the democratic process of parliamentary majority. Now, the country is run by five political parties including the communist party.

Czechoslovak Charge D'Affaires, in Amman Emil Hrusacky, said his people worked hard to develop their country and radically change the society. "Now," he said, "education, medicine and retirement benefits are provided by the government to every Czech. Agriculture is encouraged through co-operatives, with the added incentive of keeping plots for their own use and selling their produce in the market." This, he said, "has led to almost total agricultural self-sufficiency."

Czechoslovakia is also an industrialized, technologically-inclined country, which extends the technological know-how to friendly nations, such as Jordan. Hrusacky said that several scientific projects were affected in Jordan, whose relations with

his country are excellent, in addition to cultural exchange programmes and agreements. He added that many Jordanians have acquired scholarships from, and have studied in, Czechoslovakia.

Speaking to The Star upon the 40th anniversary of the revolution, Hrusacky said that the most important factor in this year's celebrations was that his country was now ready not only to achieve peace with its neighbours, which it has already done, but also to promote peace and co-operation among all nations, especially between members of the Warsaw and NATO pacts.

After making efforts to reduce the dangerous level of military confrontation, and building up a zone of confidence with all, Czechoslovakia embarked on a new foreign policy, further strengthening its belief in the avoidance of unnecessary clashes, losses and chaos. Today, Czechoslovakia has developed into a "diluted" military zone in an effort to reduce military confrontation.

"This idea plus others", Hrusacky said, "had been emphasized in a speech made on 24 February by Communist Party General Secretary, Milos Jakes, in which he also said that the country would further develop and strengthen our political system... the path of open po-

licy," and praised relations with the other socialist countries, especially the Soviet Union.

On the Middle East issue, Hrusacky said that his country supported the Arab cause in general and His Majesty King Hussein's proposal for an international peace conference to solve the Palestine issue, adding that the overwhelming popular uprising in the occupied territories has led some political movement to look forward towards peace, but he disagreed with the idea now being circulated at a period of self-rule in occupied Palestine because it did not "solve the problem." He said that the Americans and others working on these ideas did not respect facts and ignored the reality of the Middle East.

"If they agree to the self-determination of a few thousand people on some distant island, why shouldn't they also give it to the Palestinians," he said. "They (Israelis) will not be able to suppress the Palestinians, who are getting support for self-determination from all over the world." He added, "If there are 22 Arab states, why shouldn't there be a 23rd?"

Hrusacky, reiterating his country's ideal of supporting peace and co-operation all over the world, concluded by saying that the proposed "diluted" area and the denuded zones must be realized in a step-by-step method. "We would like to make this a model in other parts of the world. The East and West may apply different measures, timing and tactics, but we do believe the diluted zone may apply elsewhere in the world," he said.

Shultz admits failure of his peace mission



Mr. George Shultz

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein reiterated on Tuesday Jordan's stand towards the Arab-Israeli conflict, and stressed that Jordan, as well as other Arab countries, reject any partial settlements to the Palestinian issue.

In a three-hour meeting with the US Secretary of State George Shultz in London, King Hussein emphasized that Jordan sticks to the idea of convening an international peace conference on the Middle East with the participation of all parties to the conflict including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Mr Shultz explained to his Majesty in detail the new American Middle East peace plans whose major elements, the King believed, needed to be improved to meet the requirements of a just and durable peace.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, and Field Marshal Sherif Zaid Bin Shekar, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Earlier on the day upon departure from Tel-Aviv, Shultz admitted that his mission in the Middle East was a failure. He told reporters at the Lydda Airport that nobody in the region accepted his proposals but said that they all wanted him to continue his efforts.

The US Secretary of State's six-day tour of the region took him to Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and occupied Palestine.

Israeli officials revealed that Shultz' new proposal call for the convening of "an international summit" in March, which will lead to direct Arab-Israeli negotiations on giving the Palestinians the right to "self-rule". Talks on the final situation in the occupied Arab lands would start by the end of this year, he said.

During the first of his two visits to Jordan, Mr Shultz held talks with his Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, together with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Foreign Minister Tahar Al-Masri on the new American plans but no mention was made of the contents of these plans.

Upon Shultz' departure, Mr Masri stated that Jordan would not deviate from its decision to solve the problem through an international peace conference, attended by all parties concerned, including the PLO, together with the five permanent members of the Security Council. He added that the solution must allow Palestinians to "determine their own future."

Shultz made a short reply, saying that Foreign Minister Mr Masri had read out some points of Jordan's position, saying that these ideas were "obviously their point of view," but had nothing to say about his own proposals.

Shultz' next visit on Monday produced no comment from either side, but both had previously said that no matter what the results, they appreciated each other's desire to move towards peace.

On his way to London from Tel Aviv, the US Secretary of State said he might come back to the region to resume his peace efforts after the NATO summit. He said that he would inform the American President Ronald Reagan of the results of his trip, and come back to the Middle East, should that be to Reagan's liking.

Shbeilat wins engineers elections



Engineer Leith Shbeilat

MEMBER OF the Lower House of Parliament Engineer Leith Shbeilat was elected President of Jordan's Engineers' Association on Sunday after securing 3089 votes, thus achieving a landslide victory over his major competitor Engineer Mohammed Khair Al-Kilani who obtained only 1021 votes.

Out of the 8758 engineers eligible for voting, only 4181 engineers participated in the elections which extended over Friday and Saturday.

Minister of State for Prime Minister's Affairs Dr Fayez Al-Tarawneh followed up the elections and said the event was properly organized, and praised the work of the seven committees supervising the voting process. He said the number of participants indicated the readiness and willingness of engineers to serving their country and their association.

Unemployed engineers participated in the elections, and

hoped the new board of the association will manage to solve their unemployment problem.

The newly-elected board of the association includes the following engineers:

- 1- Leith Shbeilat, President.
- 2- Ismael Baryoush, Vice-President.
- 3- Khaled Ramadan, member.
- 4- Bashir Al-Jaghbir, member.
- 5- Ghassan Abdul Majid, member.
- 6- Omar Al-Rusan, member.
- 7- Riad Abu-Hazim, member.
- 8- Mohammad Abu-Taha, member.
- 9- Ahmad Atwan, member.

Economic
Adhocracy

By

Jawad

Anani

The "IMFS"
Are Coming

THE IMF (International Monetary Fund) will be coming to Jordan soon. A mission will arrive in Jordan to discuss the state of the economy with the competent Jordanian authorities such as the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and of course the Central Bank of Jordan. As usual, the IMF mission will write a draft report assessing the global economic situation and presenting a list of policies which they would like Jordan to enforce.

It is not difficult to anticipate what the IMF's recipe to Jordan will be. They are going to ask for an adjustment in the exchange rate, a more balanced budget, abolition of subsidies, relaxation of price controls, freer movement of interest rates, replacement of any bilateral trade arrangements by multilateral ones, etc. These are the standard IMF prescriptions.

There is nothing that the IMF mission is going to say which is currently not an issue in Jordan. However, certain facts must be reckoned with. The subsidy incurred by the budget is not a big one. The mass consumer items which are considered strategic receive little subsidy. Thus, the issue is not, and should not, take a great deal of attention.

Freeing the price system should capture a greater deal of debate. The cost as well as price structures in Jordan tend to be rigid, and a great deal of liberation is required. Interest rates are unduly high and commodity price fixation is still a favourable practice.

These can be done immediately for the benefit of the adjustment mechanism in the economy. The exchange rate policy of the Central Bank is sound and there is no need to take drastic measures in this particularly sensitive area.

The fiscal structure should concentrate on the issue of employment. Tax and expenditure policies and direct subsidies must contain a large element of investment encouragement. If the liberation of commodity prices is coupled with lower interest rates and proper fiscal policies, investment by the private sector can be stimulated to assist in the unemployment problem.

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Jordan's housing experiment

An interview with Dr Fahed Al-Fanek

By a Star Staff Writer

AN ANALYTIC look into the major causes of housing problems, invite us to seriously think of the housing phenomenon in Jordan and its economic of scale. What have we achieved so far? Where do we stand in comparison to our plans? How can we interpret the visibility of our housing experiment?... the list of questions goes on. In the following interview we do not answer all the questions. However, we take the issue a step further into the major factors affecting such phenomenon.

According to Dr Fanek, from a macro-economic point of view we have achieved more than we have actually planned. In fact, the investment made in housing in the period of 1978-1985 was over double the allocations in the first and second five-year plans.

He further added that housing became the main attention of many public and private institutions. The Housing Bank, he said, started in 1974 as a small bank with a JD 1,000,000 capital

to finance housing projects, and ended up as a giant, second only to the Arab Bank.

The Housing Corp. spent some JD 200 million building projects and cities. More than five finance companies were established to deal with the housing activities, said Dr Fanek. The real estate market, as well, boomed and became the major borrower from the banks, overtaking the trading activities which used to have the lion's share of the banking credit extended to the private sector.

"I think there are political factors behind the expansion of the housing investment in Jordan. It is the desire to increase Jordan's capacity to accommodate a larger population," said Dr Fanek.

"In fact," he added, "the Housing Bank received all the exemptions and other privileges to finance low-income housing, and yet the management is giving the branches ceilings for each activity, while they encourage commercial lending because it is more profitable to the bank."

Asked to comment on the general trends in housing, Dr

Fanek said the public sector has already withdrawn from the housing market. "The Housing Corporation is only collecting its debts on previous projects. Most projects were too costly and failed to attract the effective demand." Moreover, "The Housing Bank is devoting less than 10 per cent of its resources for housing as such, because it is operating as a full fledged commercial bank," said Dr Fanek.

He contended that Jordan's housing experiment was extremely successful. Jordan is perhaps the only country in the Third World which has a crisis of surplus rather than a shortage of housing. He further added that more than Arab country has called on Jordanian housing institutions for help or know-how. "The Housing Bank is being copied by other Arab countries," said Dr Fanek.

As for the problematic aspects in low-income housing, Dr Fanek said low income housing is not a problem to be solved once and for all; rather, it is a continuous problem, as new families are added every day.

"In general, the problem is not



Dr. Fahed Al-Fanek

acute, and cheap housing is reasonably available. If there is a problem in this area, it is because the Housing Bank is not keen to finance low-income units because of the credit risk involved and the high cost of operating this activity relative to the meager profit," said Dr Fanek.

Jordan

The entry point to the Arab markets

By Pam Dougherty
Special to The Star

"JORDAN'S FINANCIAL institutions have been quick to show interest in the Jordanian trade mission to the United States now being planned for May", says Jallil Shoraka of the Arise Group Ltd of Virginia.

The Arise Group is one of the US companies involved in organizing the mission in co-operation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and Mr Shoraka says his company's role is to encourage and facilitate the participation of financial institutions from both sides.

In an interview with The Star, he said that seven Jordanian institutions and representatives of major US financial institutions, together with local banks from Pittsburgh and Atlanta, the two host cities for the mission, will be involved. Participants will have a good chance to learn more about one another's financial systems, and Mr Shoraka is also hoping that it will be an opportunity to promote the Amman Financial Market and to stimulate financial and banking activity in Jordan generally.

Mr Shoraka believes that US financial institutions will be happy with what they learn about the Jordanian scene. "Jordan's financial institutions are up-to-date technically, the financial system is sound and Jordanian banks are already familiar with the international financial system," he says.

He believes that they might be more impressed if interest rates were more flexible but he generally sees institutions as ready and able to handle more activity and offer good service.

Mr Shoraka believes that in promoting the business possibil-

ties of Jordan, the emphasis should be on presenting it in its context in the Arab World. US investors should be made aware of the opportunities offered by the wider Arab market. He says that the legal framework for extensive trade between Arab states exists and it is now time for businessmen to try putting them to use.

Jordan, with its good investment environment, well-trained labour force, and free-market orientation offers good prospects both in itself and as an entry-point to the Arab World", he says, and hopes that the May conference will be a time for getting business connections underway.

Mr Shoraka is also hoping to see some development in the area of venture capital. Talks will be held with representatives of US institutions involved in this area to clarify what technical assistance might be available for Jordan's institutions and to encourage direct US input.

Mr Shoraka sees a growth in US investment in Jordan as a possible encouragement to other foreign investors, particularly those from the Arab states, and he feels that with around 30 financial institutions, 7-8 from Jordan, 8-10 US majors and around 20 regional US banks, participating in the Atlanta and Pittsburgh meetings, there are good prospects for solid results on the investment scene.

Rates (Fils)

S.R.	92-92.5
L.B.	91-1.00
S.L.	82-8.4
I.D.	165-170
K.D.	1240-1250
E.P.	150-180
U.A.D.	93.8-94.5
Q.R.	94.5-95.5

Highlights on

Aqaba's Central Power Station



By a Star Staff Writer

IT STARTED IN 1976, when the Jordan Electricity Authority took over the responsibility of electrifying Aqaba. Historically, the Ports Corp. was entrusted with operating the station, and the distribution function was carried out by the Aqaba Municipality.

In co-operation with its consultants (Fichtner), the Authority conducted a study which showed a demand large enough to require generators. Later, the network was renovated and the construction of the Central Station resumed in later stages.

The Central Station is at a three-kilometre distance from the old port and is located on the Aqaba South Coast. The station was completed in two stages, the first phase, completed in 1978 and put commercially into operation on 26 November 1978, comprised two diesel units (Pietlick), operating at a 3,480-kilowatt capacity each. The mechanical and electrical works were carried out by the Jordan-Gulf Co.

As for the second phase, it was completed on 7 October 1982, comprising three diesel generators (G.M.T.) at a 5,200 kilowatt capacity each. All works during the second

phase were carried out by the Italian Ansaldo Co.

The Central Station remained independent until it was connected with the National Grid on 9 February 1984. As of 1986, the Aqaba thermal station was completed, sharing with the central station its responsibilities and allowing it, in turn, to undergo the necessary maintenance programmes.

All generators at the Central Station run on heavy fuel, while the cooling is done by sea-water. The heat generated by the waste gas is utilized to generate the necessary steam to heat the fuels and the oils. Fuels and oils, including those released by the generators, are refined by special sorting machines. This is the case at all stations.

Such functional properties have fostered the station's efficiency and have helped a cut down on fuel consumption.

According to Eng Mohammed Thiyab, Director of the Aqaba Central Station, in an article he wrote in the JEA's bulletin No. 31, operating in 1987, issue No. 31, operating in the present times, owing to its role as the prime resource in feeding the thermal station.

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By Rasim Rahim
Financial Market Analyst

Share of Merkel	Banks	Insurance	Services	Industrials
This Week	21.250%	5.353%	8.742%	64.855%
Last Week	8.828%	2.121%	8.909%	80.342%

The daily trading volume, as proportionate to the total market JD 1,925,617(100%), were as follows:				
This Week				
23.286	24.288	27.288	28.288	29.288
Tuesday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
31.928%	4.355%	17.895%	27.072%	18.950%
Last Week				
28.317%	20.380%	18.303%	17.742%	17.278%

Arzo Bank Ltd. 21.75%, 4.82% — Jordan-French Insurance Co. 72.57%.
3.89% — Jordan-Gulf Real Estate 81.8%, 5.4% — National Steel 22.77%.
14.72% — Intermediate Petro-Chimicale 18.85%, 10.77% — Universal Chim-
micale 7.75%, 5.01% — Sulpho-Chimicale 8.17%, 5.28%. (The above nine
companies recorded a total of JD 1,095,374 of the total market: 58.89%).

The following is a presentation of the sectoral handling per day of the total market:

Sector	Banks	Insurance	Services	Industrials
23 - 2	19.985	2.009	1.181	78.825
24 - 2	24.382	23.838	8.779	43.003
27 - 2	14.798	8.108	8.520	70.578
28 - 2	30.492	8.991	13.884	48.853
29 - 2	15.484	0.835	14.851	88.030

Weekly Average				
This week	21.028%	8.358%	9.359%	81.257%
Last Week	8.899%	2.297%	8.345%	80.859%
Difference	+ 12.329	+ 6.059	+ 1.014	- 19.402
Variance	(12.329 + 8.059 + 1.014 - 19.402 = Zero)			

Development Bonds

- Maturity 1991, at 8 1/2% + margin per annum, 400 bonds for JD 4,276. (23.2.1988).
- Maturity 1991, at 8 1/4% per annum, 435 bonds for JD 435. (23.2.1988).
- Maturity 1989, at 8 1/4% per annum, 400 bonds for JD 4,100. (28.2.1988).

News from Tokyo

"Sentiment toward the dollar is bearish, and the market is still searching for its (the dollar's) down-side," said a trader who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said speculators had tried to sell the US currency lower, but had bought back some dollars in the afternoon to cover dollar-short positions.

activity by the Bank of Japan below the 128-yen level, profit-taking by speculators, and light activity by commercial dollar-sellers. But a senior trader at a commercial bank, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Bank of Japan was unlikely to intervene unless the dollar began falling at a faster pace below the 127.5-yen level.

Vessels calling on Aqaba Port

SERVING AREA	NAME OF LINE	NAME OF	ARRIVAL DATE
A) BLACK SEA (RO-RO)	SOP	VESSEL RUZHANY REUTOV	2/3/88 2/3/88
B) AUSTRALIA (OONT. + RO-RO)	BALTIC	SK.ZALK A.GORO KOMGOM	11/3/88 5/4/88 25/4/88
C) YUGOSLAVIA + MEDIT. (RO-RO + CONV.)	JADRANSKA	KAIROS MODILO A. TRADER	20/2/88 8/3/88 8/3/88
D) FAR EAST (CONV. + CONT.	PIL	KOTA WIRAMA KOTA NAGA KOTA RATNA KOTA EXPRESS KOTA MUTIARA GANGCHENG KOTA JAYA	7/3/88 7/3/88 8/3/88 21/3/88 30/3/88 4/4/88 27/4/88
E) ODR. + CONTENTINT + NORTH VALENCIA EUROPE (CONTAINER)	O.S.R	HALBERSTAOT	17/2/88
F) EUROPE (RO-RO)	HUAL	KOELPINSEE S.JAEHN PRTZWALK	10/3/88 9/4/88 24/4/88
G) EASTERN EUROPE (CONV. + CONT.)	POL	HUAL TRIBUTE HUAL TRAPPER HUAL MARGARITA HUAL TRAVELLER	11/3/88 25/3/88 11/4/88 3/5/88
H) BRAZIL (RO-RO + CONV.)	KOMMAR	ZYGMUNT III WAZA ZYGMUNT STARY	5/3/88 15/3/88
I) NORTH AMERICA (CONV. + CONT.)	OASIS	EMOEN	6/3/88
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VESSEL	EFDM JUNIOR 	AL-KARAMEH 	EFDM JUNIOR
Voyage No	18018/1/45	18019/D/48	—
Aqaba	24.02.1988	18.03.1988	15.04.1988
	02.02.1988	28.03.1988	24.04.1988
Dates R/V	01.01-02.03	08.02-28.03	03.03-24.04
SE	28.01-02.03	22.02-28.03	21.03-24.04
Duration R/V	62 days	52 days	53 days
SE	37 days	38 days	35 days

— Eagle Container Line. Vessel: FINE EA 07; ETA Aqaba 31 March 1988. Vessel: NOBLE EA 07; ETA Aqaba 2-3 May 1988. Vessel WILCO EA 07; ETA Aqaba 28-29 May 1988. Enroute Melbourne, Sydney, Busan, Keelung, Hongkong and Singapore. The above three vessels except out-bound shipping in containers from Aqaba to Port Said, Lameosol, Beirut via Umeasol, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Salerno, Laspezia, Ottawa, Toronto, New York and Baltimore.

—Nivel: Line (cruiser cargo, general cargo): Vessel MYKONOS N8 VO
30; ETA Agaba 28 April 1988; Enroute Brazil-Santos, Brazil-Isla
Argentina-Buenos Aires, Uruguay-Montevideo. Vessel: MV POPI NI
VOY 26; ETA Agaba 25 May 1988; Enroute Argentina-Buenos Aires
Uruguay-Montevideo, Brazil-Isla, Brazil-Santos, Brazil-Riodegenero
(Contact: Tel. 882421, Telex 21765, Fax 601382).

THE FOLLOWING is a list of the 82 trading companies at the Ammen Financial Market, listed in the following order: 1-12 companies which gained; 13-43 companies which lost and 44-82 companies which had no change in their share prices:

	Opening	Closing	Change
2- Calso/Amman Bank	23,258	29,268	0
2- National Fin Invest	28,000	30,000	+ 1.000
3- Ind.Ov.Bank	1,300	1,310	+ 0.010
4- Jo-French Ins.Co.	5,550	8,080	+ 0.514
5- Petra Projects	0,880	0,670	+ 0.020
6- Jo.Nat.Lines	0,850	0,870	+ 0.010
7- Livestock & Poultry	0,720	0,740	+ 0.020
8- Agri. & Trd.Produc.	1,500	1,500	+ 0.000
9- Jo. Porcelain Fac	1,050	1,070	+ 0.010
10- Jo.Glass Fac	1,020	1,040	+ 0.020
11- Jwlco, Wood Ind	1,300	1,340	+ 0.040
12- Jo Cement Fac	1,030	1,050	+ 0.020
13- Jo Fin & Invest	1,880	1,850	- 0.010
14- Nat.Port. Ins.	0,810	0,800	- 0.010
15- Arab Bank Ltd	118,750	118,750	+ 0.000
16- The Housing Bank	1,810	1,800	- 0.010
17- Fin & Credit Corp	0,820	0,800	- 0.020
18- Jordan Islamic Bank	1,800	1,780	- 0.020
19- Al Ahlia Net. Ins	1,300	1,280	- 0.020
20- Universal Ins	0,740	0,730	- 0.010
21- Philadelphia Ins.	0,890	0,880	- 0.010
22- Dar Al-Sherab	0,420	0,400	- 0.020
23- Irbid Ole Co.	0,980	0,980	+ 0.000
24- Paper Tr.Mfg.Co.	0,370	0,340	- 0.030
25- Jo Oairy	1,030	1,020	- 0.010
26- Ar.AlumInum	1,830	1,900	+ 0.070
27- Ar.Ch.Delergente	4,390	4,300	- 0.090
28- National Steel	2,770	2,760	- 0.010
29- Dar Al-Dawa	1,470	1,470	+ 0.000
30- Inter-Medical Petro.-Ch.	1,530	1,430	- 0.100
31- Paper & Cardboard	3,080	2,960	- 0.100
32- Lime & Silicate Brick	0,230	0,220	- 0.010
33- Nat.Industries	0,510	0,500	- 0.010
34- Chemical Ind.	1,710	1,640	- 0.070
35- Un.Chem.Ind.	1,980	1,890	- 0.090
36- Al-Fin Ins	1,380	1,340	- 0.040
37- Jlmco, Matches & Ind	0,730	0,720	- 0.010
38- Spinning & weaving	0,930	0,920	- 0.010
39- Cables & Wires	1,010	1,000	- 0.010
40- Jo Sulpho-Chemicals	3,040	2,940	- 0.100
41- Jo Rock Wool	0,680	0,670	- 0.010
42- Jo.Pet Rel.Co.	7,140	7,100	- 0.040
43- Jo Thinning Co.	1,950	1,900	- 0.050
44- Jo-Kuwelt Bank	1,600	—	0
45- Jo Nat Bank	2,430	—	0
46- Qarco.Invest House	0,440	—	0
47- Fin.Fac.Invest.Ov	0,820	—	0
48- Bank of Jordan	16,300	—	0
49- Jo-Gulf Bnrk	1,200	—	0
50- Petra Bank	2,050	—	0
51- Acaros, F.I.Es Invest	0,430	—	0
52- Yarmouk Ins & Re.Ins	1,100	—	0
53- Al-Quds Ins	1,280	—	0
54- Arab Ins	1,000	—	0
55- Jordan Eq.Hire	0,850	—	0
56- Jo Electricity	1,480	—	0
57- Eq. & Mach.Hire	0,630	—	0
58- Jordan-Gulf F.I.Es	0,500	—	0
59- Ar.Pharm.Ind	2,080	—	0
60- Jo.Pipes Mfg	1,180	—	0
81- Wood Ind	0,870	—	0
82- Jo Phosphate Mines	2,400	—	0

The \$ Market

That would mean that the index would no longer have a string of three consecutive monthly declines, a phenomenon which is traditionally regarded as a potential recession warning.

On Friday the Dow Jones Industrial average rose 5.64 to 2,023.21, finishing the week with a net gain of 8.82 points.

Jordanian firm develops software for contractors

CILCON — Civil Construction Company, the Jordanian building contractor, has recently developed a house a new software package designed to the widely known CAPM programme package which enables the general contractor to manage and update his whole schedule of work for about 2000 activities. "The new software package," CILCON calls PHE-PM, which is an integrated management system based on the modern practices of information programming than computer programming that can produce scheduling of products like contracts and equipment.

The basic concept of the PRE-CAPM is that it allows the contractor through the MRM and LRM Systems (Material and Labour Resources Management) to track contractors' suppliers' con-

signed for each of their projects by local manufacturers. CILCON actually sets the Management System that the European companies have subcontracted important tasks for one of its jobs in Jordan by construction of the CAPM program with the preference to participate firms at the overall start of each activity in the CAPM programme of CILCON and the project.

CILCON believes that the rather novel system that is based on drawing from the technological advances of manufacturing in the world, can promote effectively on social performance in construction industry whether in construction or any other activity (such as safety) requiring careful continuous tuning of planning systems.

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The Marriott Jerash Rally

AMMAN (Star) — His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, eldest son of His Majesty King Hussein, has taken a short leave from studies in the United States so he can participate in one of his favorite sports: rallying. As driver of Car No. 1 of the Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team, Prince Abdullah is looking forward to kicking off the 1988 rally season with a victorious showing 3 March at the Marriott Jerash Rally.

The last few days Prince Abdullah and co-driver Ali Bilbela have been practicing the route mapped out by the Royal Automobile Club around the mountainous Jerash and Ajloun region.

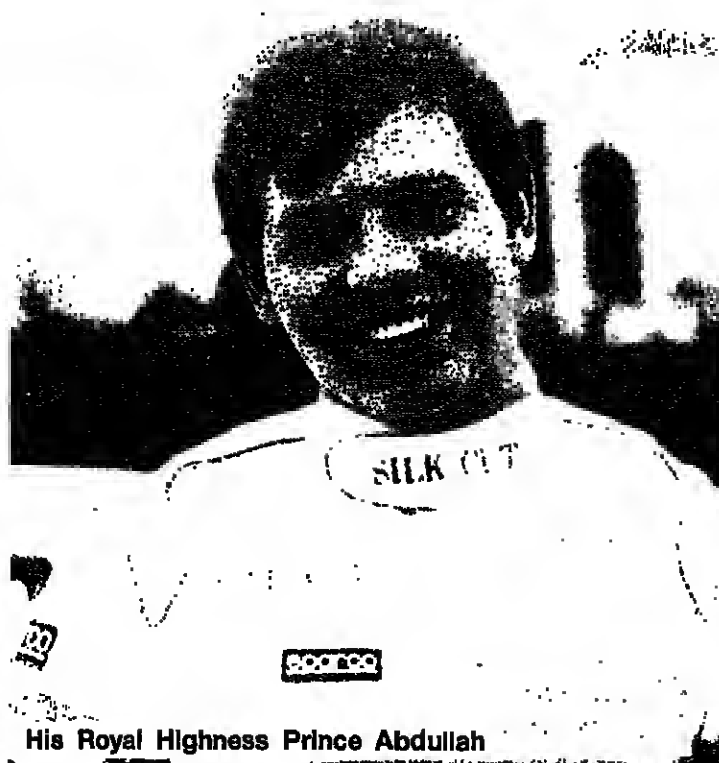
Prince Abdullah is taking this first rally seriously and is planning to start the '88 season the way he started '88, winning! To prepare for the rally, His

Royal Highness has been undergoing a motivational process of discipline and training. "For example, a week before I started training, I began growing a beard," he remarked. "When I got myself ready for the race, off came the beard and on came the training."

His Royal Highness has put

more concentration into competing in the 300-kilometre Jerash Rally than any rally he's taken part in for a long time. "I've been working out, getting myself psyched up in the States to come over here," he added. "The high has begun already; the butterflies probably won't settle in until Wednesday or Thursday morning."

Prince Abdullah is determined to improve his record this season, since 1987 was a difficult year for him, with recurring mechanical problems. "My attitude was either I was coming in first place or break the car and we broke the car," His Royal Highness commented ruefully. "So this year's going to be slightly different."



His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah

Highlights

The Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Rally Team will be well-represented Thursday night in the Marriott Jerash Rally by His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn al-Hussein and co-driver Ali Bilbela in Car No. 1 and Nabli Karam, with Serge Talatinian as co-driver in Car No. 2.

Team member Amr Bilbela, winner of the Jerash Rally in 1987, will not be participating this year, due to recurring back problems. Amr is doing back-strengthening exercises and hopes to be able to compete later this season as driver of a third Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team Opel Manta 400.

Team manager Suhail Marar said Wednesday final touches are being put on the team's cars by service manager Haytham Muti and a group of crack mechanics. Muti has rebuilt the cars since the Dubai Inter-

national Rally last December.

Tire testing has been performed to select suitable tires for each of the 11 stages along the 300-kilometre rally route. Marar said. The Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team has been practicing steadily the last five or six days and nights in order to become familiar with the challenging terrain, he added.

His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, the team's No. 1 driver, aims at regaining the Jordan National Champion title, which he earned in 1986, from current national champion Hani Bisharat. His Royal Highness hopes to regain the title by the end of this year's national series. Marar said, promising an interesting contest for rally fans.

The Jordan Rally scene has produced five different national champions since 1983, when the championship was lifted under FISA International regulations. No driver has ever claimed the championship twice.

Securing the Jordan Championship title does not necessarily mean winning every event, but does involve participation and scoring high points in all but one of the ten championship events, which include 1 international rally; 3 national rallies; 2 hill climbs; 3 auto tests and a four-wheel drive (4x4) international rally.

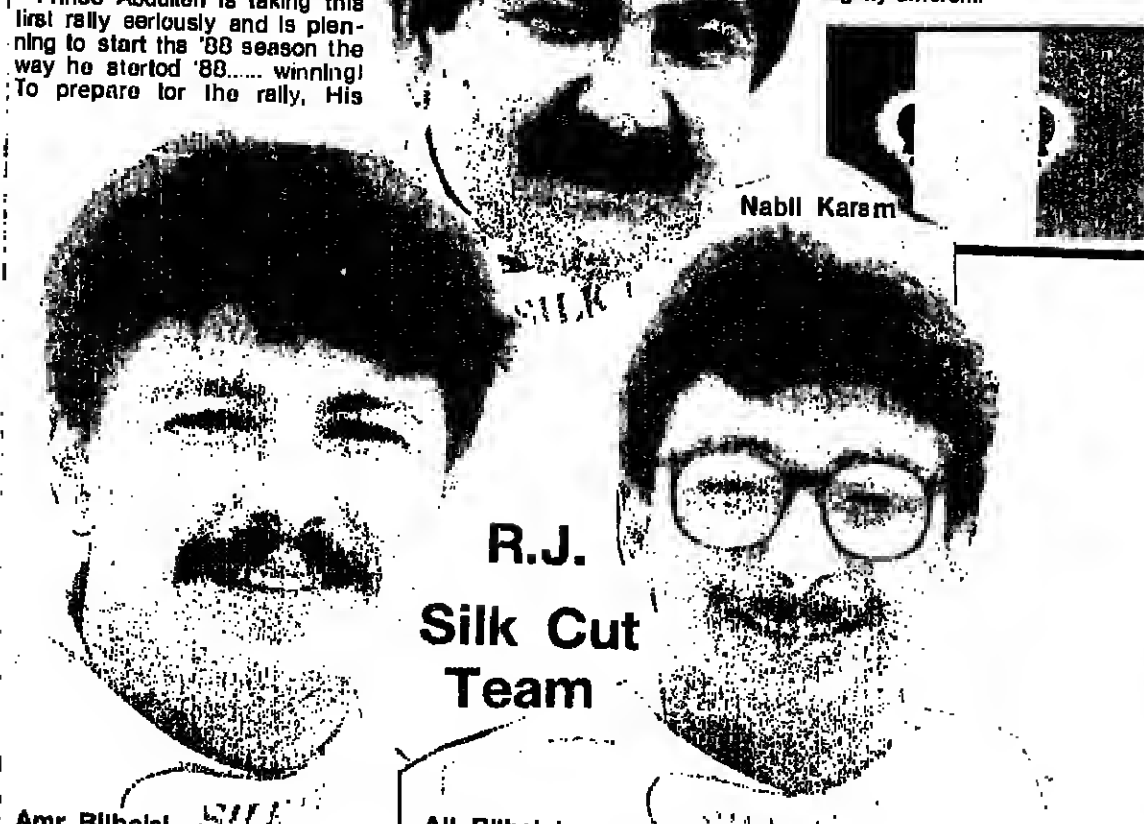
Nabli Karam, in the Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team's second car, placed third in last year's Jerash Rally. He also won fourth in the 1987 Jordan Championship. Serge Talatinian will be Nabli's co-driver for this year's Jerash Rally. Karam reports that in spite of several co-driver changes in the last few events, he has established an excellent working relationship with Talatinian and is quite pleased with the results of their practice sessions. A top three placing for the partners will not be unexpected in the Jerash Rally.

The Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team's next outing will be March 11, when they participate in the Bridgestone Auto Test.

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The martial Art Team, sponsored Aramex International, Courier, left Amman for Belgium to participate in the Open Club Tournament for Tae Kwon Do, which commenced on 27 February in Liege as a one-week event.

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Silver - the beauty, the tradition

By Hana Shahin
Special to The Star

IF YOU enter her house, the beauty and the myth of the Arab culture unfolds you. Everywhere you look, silver jewelry and ornaments are on display. Traditional pieces of furniture and tapestries integrated harmoniously in the house. Contemporary paintings of Arab painters cover the walls. She, Hana Sadiq Beraudo, the lady of the house, receives you wearing a modernized traditional costume, as a further reminder of the beauty of the past.

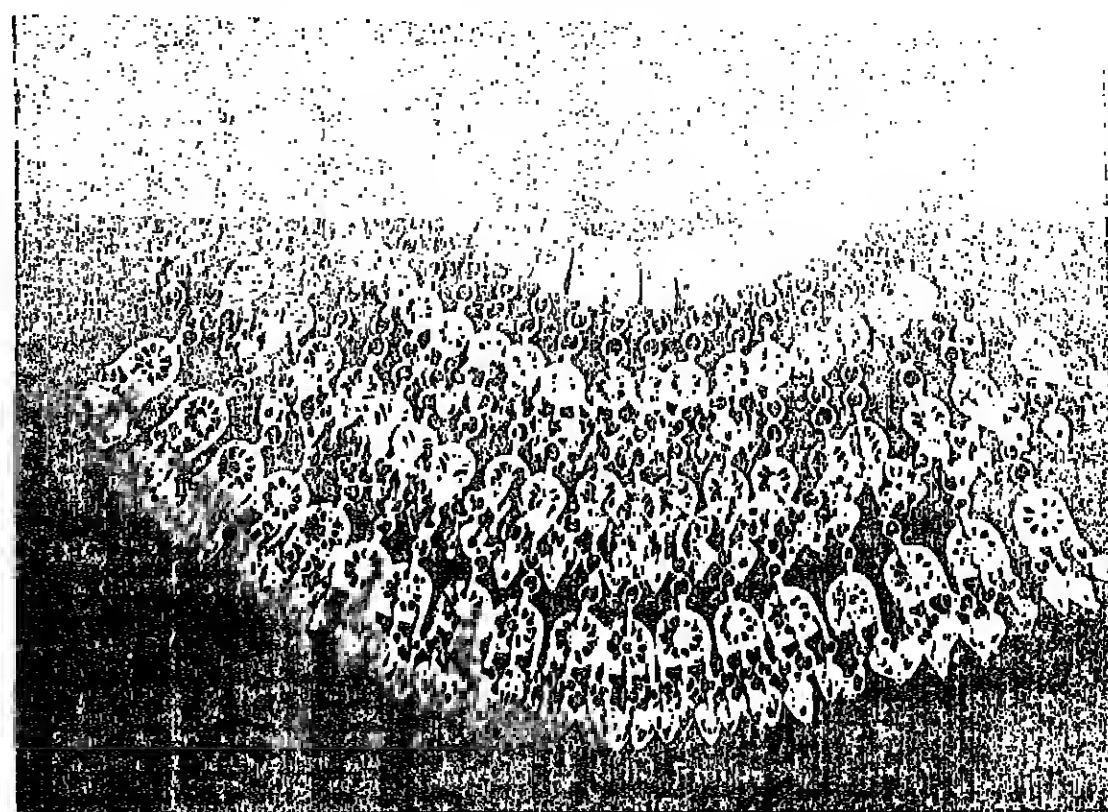
Hana, who is of Iraqi origin, has been touring the Arab world and documenting its heritage for the past twenty years. A graduate in French literature and contemporary arts, she has published many articles on Arab national heritage. Currently she is preparing two books, one of which, titled "Washim" (traditional tattooing), will be published soon.

During her travels, Hana has collected more than 3000 pieces of silver and 200 items of embroidery and traditional Arab dresses.

Through her research, Hana is convinced that "although the Arab world can not agree on many things, it can meet in its traditional heritage and art." She explains that the ancient technology and designs engraved on silver pieces, as well as the talloos, bear a lot of similarities from country to country. Although the embroidery on traditional dresses differs, the patterns are one, i.e. the cut is always in straight lines.

Hana, who has been living in Jordan with her French husband and three children, for the last seven years, has made another discovery. Much of the jewellery and tattooing had remedy effects. For example, silver in the Arab jewellery was often mixed with copper in different percentages. It not only provided better flexibility for moulding, but recent studies indicate that copper relieves rheumatic pains.

The tattooing, which was done on all parts of the body, played a role in the role of adornment. According to Hana, the tattooing is now being retained in the Chinese method of acupuncture, which re-



Silver is combined with semi-precious stones in this Yemeni necklace

lieves pain by pressure on certain key points in the body.

Furthermore, the tattoo on the forehead, which was done in many cases in a triangle shape, replaced the "blue bead". The blueish tattoo attracts the envious stare away from the face, thus protecting the tattooed person from jealousy.

Many other women had a tattoo around their navel. The design depicted the sun, as both the sun and the womb represent "the origin of life."

Wearing more than one earring on each earlobe is quite fashionable these days. But many do not realize that thousands of years ago Arab women had that fashion. It not only added beauty to the ear, but probably again through acupuncture, it might have improved hearing.

The heavy silver head attire the women used to wear also probably freed them from headaches. Now it is known that there are pressure points on the head which if pressed will relieve pain. Another benefit of wearing the heavy head dress was in cases of war, it was used to protect their faces from being hurt.

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It is said that Allah, the sister of the Khalfah Haroun el-Rasheed, had a birth mark on her forehead. In order to cover that mark, she wrapped her head with silk scarves, adorned with dangling jewels. That fashion (ashbi) was followed by other women. In our time, that trend has come back with some variations.

The ankle bracelet (kholhal) is another fashion that has been popular over the years. However, the Arab women did not stop there. They added bells to it, to make sure of being noticed when they passed by. The ankle bracelet with its clanger was also used for children when they started crawling. It helped the mother to know the whereabouts of her child.

The fashion of women wearing many bracelets and other dangling ornaments has also been attributed to the creation of a desirable beast when a woman moved.

To emphasize the waist of a woman, many silver belts were designed. However, Hana adds, "the most beautiful belts are the Kurdish and the Circassian ones."

Ornaments and history

Hana confirms that the jewellery craft has always been a means to convey the roots and the artistic

spirit of a society. The sociologists define the economic, social and mental level of a society through the remnants of its national heritage. For example, the Yemeni women, who retain the habit of wearing jewellery in abundance, show the economic wealth they enjoyed long ago in the days of the Sabaean Kingdom. The Palestinian traditional dress with its elaborate material and various silk threads reflects an ancient culture of richness and social security the women felt then.

Hana strongly advises other sil-

ver collectors to purchase Palestinian silver jewellery. "In order to save what is left," Hana says, "the last time I saw some, it was in the hands of a Palestinian silver smith, who was about to melt it down. This is another example of the erasing of the cultural heritage of the Palestinian people."

Unfortunately, since the Ottoman era, most of the urban Arab societies have stopped wearing the inherited silver ornaments.

Therefore, Hana argues, as society was responsible for "killing" our heritage of silver ornaments, our present community has the responsibility of bringing back to life that Arab craft and of building a society far from imitation.

Currently, Hana is designing clothes under the name of "Malbus Al-Hana". She is using local material, inspired by designs and colours of the traditional Arab dresses, with some variations to suit modern daily life.



The intricate work in this piece includes words in Arabic script.

Little Hands - do grown-up work

By Margaret Hall

Special to The Star

IT'S like sitting on a hot sun with thorns in your hands.

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Some members of the group spoke to The Star about a project which they had started in the Al-Matrah Centre for the Deaf and Mute in Nablus. The project was to help the children of the centre to learn to read and write.

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After their visit to the centre, the Little Hands group had a meeting where the children of the centre were invited to show their work to the group.

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Performances will continue until 3 March. Morning shows are for schools, and afternoon shows are for the general public. Two children from the centre in Al-Matrah opened the first performance yesterday, 2 March.

Handwritten signature or note.

Tunisia breathes a sigh of relief

A recent study shows that pneumoconiosis — a disease caused by inhaling irritant particles day after day — isn't a serious problem among Tunisia's phosphate miners and plant workers. The sea of dust surrounding some of the mining towns and processing plants, however, remains a real nuisance.

By Hamida Ben Salah
IDRC Reports

"You want to see dust, do you? I'll show you dust!" exclaimed the National Guard officer when questioned by Prof Abdelaziz Ghannouchi, the Tunisian Ministry of Health's head of occupational medicine. "Come home with me, look at my linen, my bed, my fridge! There's dust all over the place!"

The air in the mining town of Bejaïya, in the south of Tunisia, is so dusty that one can't really see the sky, only a vague glimmering through the grey clouds.

Prof Ghannouchi, the director of the National Centre for Occupational Medicine and Hygiene, would not admit to any of the extent of the damage to the lungs. He pointed out that in Tunisia, the dust is not as fine as in other countries, and that the miners are not exposed to it for as long a period as in other countries. He also pointed out that the dust is not as fine as in other countries, and that the miners are not exposed to it for as long a period as in other countries.

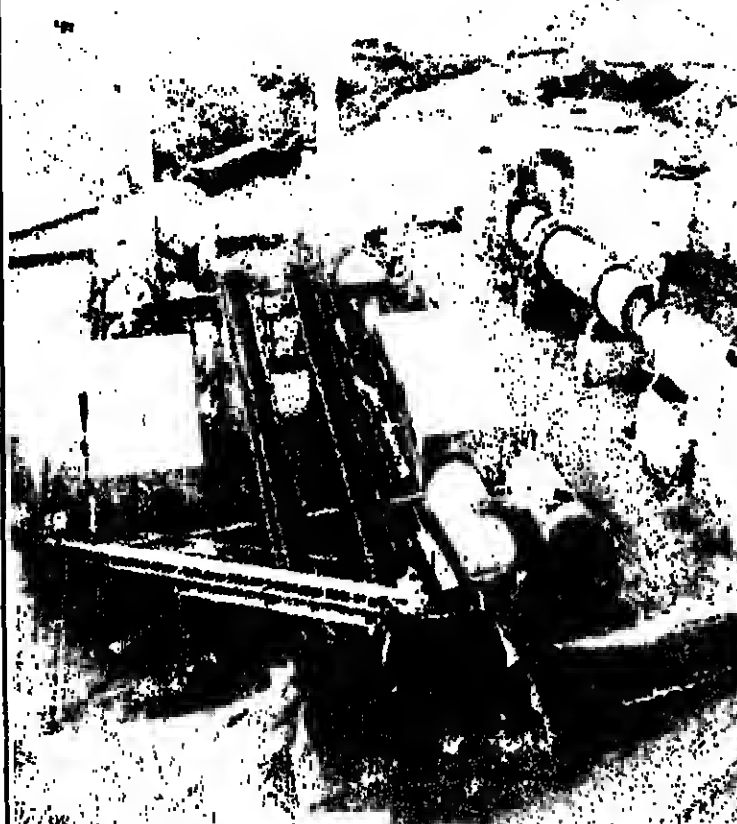
Today's is one of the 16 sites in Tunisia where phosphate is mined and enriched by the state-owned Gafsa Phosphate Company.

Phosphate is one of Tunisia's greatest underground sources of wealth. Reserves are estimated to last for a century. However, mining them has considerable adverse effects on the local population and on the approximately 12,500 people who work for the company.

As early as 1970, radiological studies of Gafsa miners had raised the possibility that some of the workers were suffering from pneumoconiosis, a lung disease caused by habitual inhalation of irritant dust particles. The biggest concern was silicosis, a form of pneumoconiosis caused by inhaling dust which contains large amounts of silica. Silica causes cough and sputum and has difficulty breathing. The decline in the functioning of the lungs is often accompanied by heart problems.

But the risks and the composition of harmful dust had yet to be pinpointed. With a grant from the International Development Research Centre and the co-operation of McGill University in Montreal, a team from the National Institute for Occupational Medicine and Hygiene started an epidemiological study in 1986. The sample consisted of 942 Gafsa employees selected according to the mine they worked in, their job, age and length of exposure. The survey was accompanied by an environmental study in which 1214 samples of dust were taken in the different mines, quarries and factories of the company and in mining towns.

For the medical study, workers answered a questionnaire de-



And in Jordan...

This article points out that the two main dangers for the workers in phosphate mines come from the concentration of silica and from the dust in poorly ventilated mines.

To check on the situation here we asked Abdul-Rehim Abdul-Jabar, Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Institute. He says that the phosphate mined in Jordan has the lowest concentration of dust produced in any other country in the Middle East — good news for miners.

As well, all of our mines are of the open, surface-type, so ventilation is not a concern.

However, phosphate mining does create a lot of dust, and the Institute is planning a study on possible health hazards, to begin next year.

signed to assess their respiratory symptoms, exposure to dust, and professional background. They were also given a clinical examination which included lung X rays and lung capacity measurements.

The researchers are reassuring about the results. The clinical study indicates that in most cases, the pneumoconiosis is a benign form caused by inert dust. The team's lung specialist adds cautiously, however, that on a very few work sites, where there is a lot of silica in the dust, there are cases of silicosis. This form of pneumoconiosis doesn't seem to be very serious and it develops very slowly, the doctor says.

Of the 942 workers in the sample, only four of them will be entitled to financial compensation for permanent physical disability. It should be noted that all four have smoked for over 20 years.

Not that the environment is blameless. The dust which bothers the whole town and the workers especially is certainly a nuisance.

The dust levels in seven underground mines and six factories and quarries were measured. The results indicate that silica is present everywhere, but at low

levels not exceeding 6 per cent. And it appears that the miners who work underground are less exposed than workers in the enrichment plants.

Mourad Chaker, the chemical engineer in charge of the environmental study, was trained in analytical methods at McGill University. His calculations show that wherever a mine or processing plant is mechanized, dust levels are higher. In particular, crushing operations produce dust which is rich in silica and, therefore, potentially harmful. According to the researchers, injecting water during drilling would substantially reduce the amount of dust.

The researchers noted that Tunisian mines are "never, adequately ventilated, nor are they well built. In general, the broader the tunnel, the less the dust." They observed the benefits of wide tunnels at Laïla Khadra and the Sebha mine.

The researchers termed the study results "reassuring." They were, however, agreed that a watch should be maintained in the future. To this end, they are planning to control pollution and to protect workers in Tunisia's phosphate in-



Reem Yasin's Cinema corner

The best of Eric Rohmer

THE FILMS of the distinguished French director Eric Rohmer have featured quite strongly in Amman over the past few weeks. The French contribution to the European Film Week (recently held at the RCC) was his 1980 film, "Les nuits de la pleine lune" and the French film festival that was held last week was inaugurated and closed by two of Rohmer's most recent films, "Le rayon vert" and "Quelle aventure de Reinette et Mirabelle" his latest work produced in 1987.

To those who are not acquainted with the great director's work, these three films were quite an impressive initiation into Rohmer's world and art, both of which are characterized by discipline, elegance, humour and deep perception. Rohmer's main concern seems to lie in his principal characters, and a great stress seems to lie on the essentially revealing dialogue. The discrepancies between characters are often humorously observed, though a harsh undertone of judgement is often felt through his films, especially those of the series "Comedies et Proverbes", to which the first two films belong.

In both "Les nuits de la pleine lune" and "Le rayon vert" Rohmer probes into the lifestyles and inner feelings of his young heroines. In the first film he seems to condemn young Louise's independent and non-committal attitude to human relationships and sternly gives her her due "punishment" at the end as her boyfriend finally breaks up with her — whereas in the second film he is genuinely sympathetic towards romantic Delphine, who is more of a realist, reluctant to embark on any relationship until she is fully sure of the "green light" guaranteeing a safe go-ahead.

In the third film, however, Rohmer seems to be more detached as he portrays the inevitable discrepancy between the views of the city girl Reinette and the country boy and girl Mirabelle as each of them tries to initiate the other into the charms and wonders of her world. But in all three films one senses the director's great concern for his heroines and his deep understanding of their innermost thoughts and feelings.

Although in all three films Rohmer's predominant interest is in his characters, and although the dialogue in all the films is of primary importance where every word is revealing and crucial to the characterization, the films are visual medium are overwhelmingly impressive.

The pictorial effect of Rohmer's direction artistically reflects the moods of his characters. Whether in the busy city streets or stations, the serene beauty of the countryside, the breathtaking views of the seaside or even the loneliness of the mountains, the characters are always in context and the form and content of the film always unite into a harmonious whole.

Recent film releases

Action Jackson (R) Carl Weathers — Venerable cop devastates evil auto executive. Spectacular action and so-so acting (Fair).

Braddock: Missing in Action III (R) Chuck Norris — More rescue heroics in Vietnam by the bullet-proof colonel (Fair).

Broadcast News (R) William Hurt — Smashing comedy-drama that dissects overblown TV news egos (Great).

Cop (R) James Woods — Criminal detective searches for serial killer. Routine plot lacks originality (Fair).

Eddie Murphy Raw (R) Eddie Murphy — Film version of Murphy's stand-up comedy act. Much profanity and women bashing (Fair).

Good Morning, Vietnam (R) Robin Williams — Williams is at his best as iconicistic radio host in Saigon (Good).

The Last Emperor (PG-13) John Lone — Beautifully filmed, sweeping epic of China's last imperial ruler. Visually exciting (Great).

Moonstruck (PG) Cher — Nifty ethnic comedy about an Italian-American family facing problems of romance (Good).

Settlesation (PG-13) Justin Beteman — Off-kilter film about a female rock band performing at a summer beach resort (Good).

The Serpent and The Rainbow (R) Bill Pullman — Anthropologist confronts Haitian voodoo and politics (Fair).

She's Having a Baby (PG-13) Kevin Bacon — Overwrought social satire about contemporary marriage problems (Fair).

Wall Street (R) Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen — Powerful morality drama hammers away at greedy corporate raiders (Good).

Three Men and a Cradle (PG) Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg, Ted Danson — Heartwarming farce about bachelor baby-sitters (Good).

Throw Momma From The Train (PG-13) Danny DeVito, Billy Crystal — Sophisticated farce about two murders (Fair).



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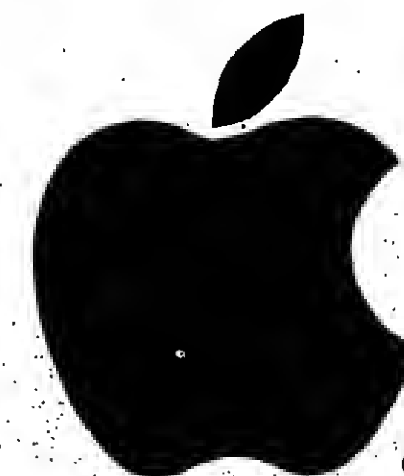
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There are several digital dealers in Jordan but the official distributor is Computer and Communication Systems (CCS) company, whose general manager is Mr Hashim Samara, located in Amman. First established in 1982,

CCS launches country-wide campaign on computers

By Diane Chlangwan
Special to The Star

WHILE STILL working for IBM, three young engineers came up with new technology which, if given to IBM, would be of great significance to the development of the company. Instead, the trio joined forces to establish their own computer company, better known to the general public as digital (DEC). Since its establishment in 1984, digital has grown to become one of the leading computer companies in the world.



Mr Hashim Samara

CCS has pushed itself into the computer market so as to become one of the largest computer distributors in the Kingdom.



Mr Nabhan Nimar

"People are always looking for new technology, and our aim is to keep providing them with it," said Mr Nabhan Nimar, sales manager of CCS. "We also provide equipment that will enhance our clients' ability to adopt computer technology," he added.

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French T.V. creates cinema audience

On 4th November 1987, the day of its third anniversary, Canal Plus, the pay cinema television channel, had two million subscribers. No-one would have ventured to predict such success just two years ago. Canal Plus, which is the first noteworthy audiovisual innovation in France since the creation of the ORTF, and a real private company for transmitting recent films, has succeeded, in a very short time and after a hard beginning, in establishing a remarkable brand image and a place to be envied for in the French audiovisual landscape.

Today, with 365 films, it shows almost as many full-feature films alone as the other three channels put together. The originality and appeal of Canal Plus lie in the fact that new films are shown, just a year after they come out in the cinema. The repeated showings of the same film enable the television

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Mr. Meen Hussein

Jordanian firm develops software for contractors

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION company, the Jordanian building contractor has recently developed in-house a new interesting software back-up to the widely known CPM programme facility which enables the general contractor to programme and update his schedule of work for about 2000 activities. The new software which CILCON calls PRE-CPM is an integrated management system based on the modern practices of international companies in the west that use computer programming for manufacturing of products like cars and equipment.

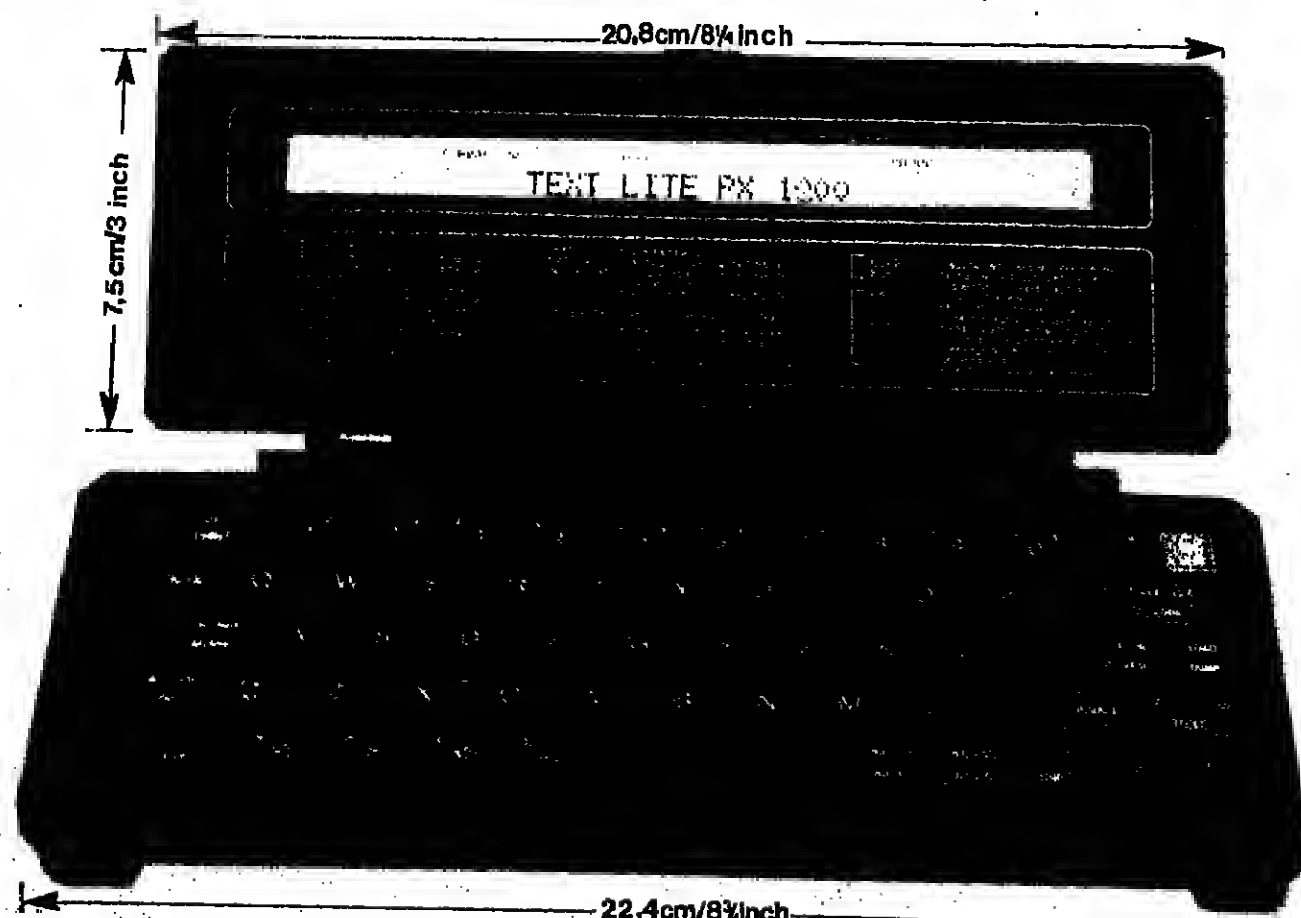
The basic conception of the PRE-CPM is that it allows the contractor through the MRM and LRM systems (Material and Labour Resources Management) to track the subcontractors' / suppliers' compliance with their agreed programmes-through numerous but small network programmes designed for each of the foreign (or local) manufacturers. CILCON actually sets the management system for the European company that subcontracted important work for one of its jobs in Jordan by constraining the CPM network programme of the expatriate firm with the preferred start of each activity in the overall CPM programme of CILCON for the whole project.

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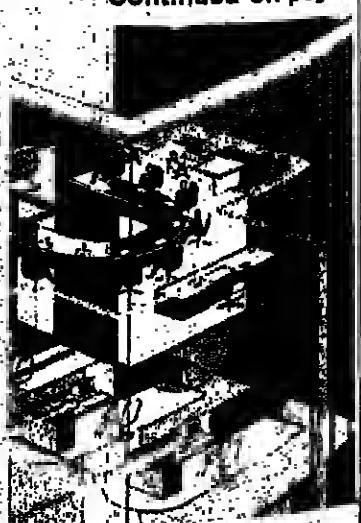


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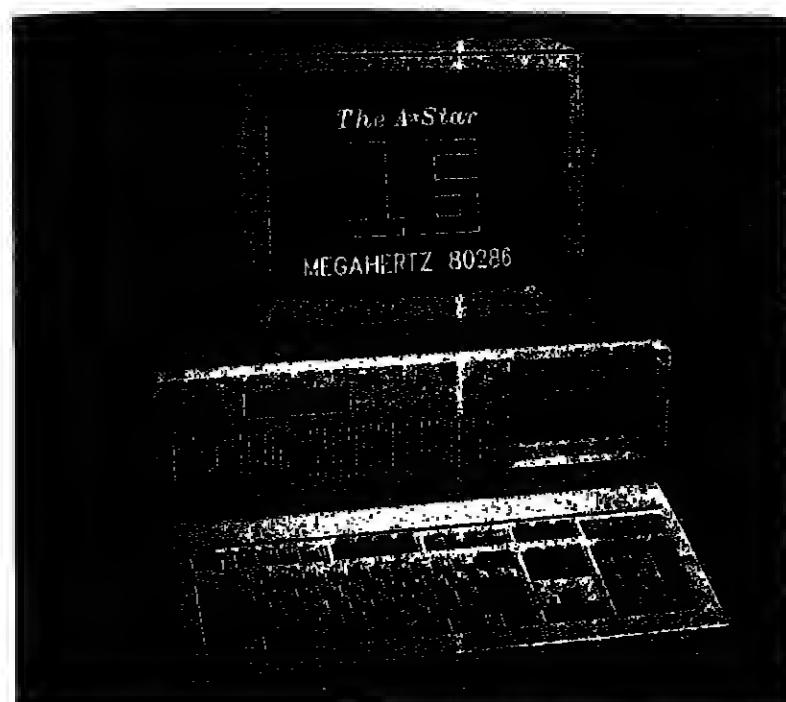
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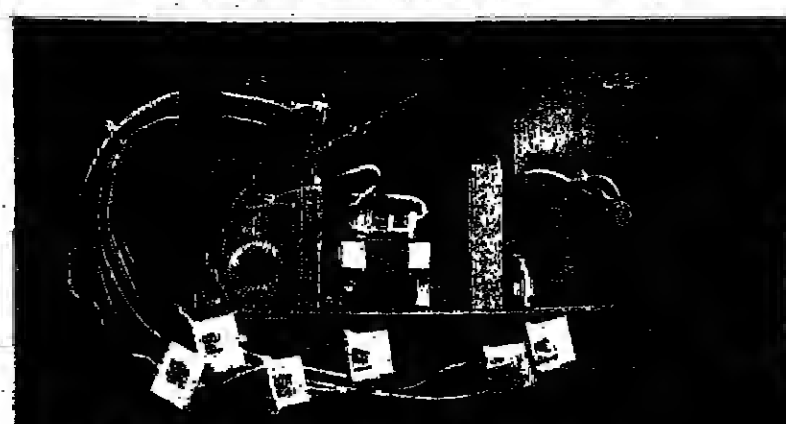
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Young, but on the right track

By Frida Mdanat
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OSAMA MARKETING Establishment (OME), opened in 1985, has succeeded during a short period of time in building a large circle of clientele which includes both the public and private sectors. It caters for government departments, universities, the banking sector, and numerous individual clients, according to the Manager of the Computer Department, Mr. Naim Ramadan.

The company, although young in the market of software and hardware appliances, is distinguished for the excellent services it renders to its clients. It offers immediate delivery, generous reductions, as well as maintenance and training.

The company's warehouse contains a variety of hardware and software appliances which can be delivered door-to-door upon the client's immediate request. It also provides initial training for its customers and circulates manuals on computer application and programming, which are designed to teach people, who have not had any experience with computers about their usage.

The company gives considerable discounts for the educational sector and other permanent customers. Furthermore, its maintenance staff of four engineers, equipped with all service facilities, are ready to respond, at any time, to customers' needs.

"We try to maintain a supportive policy towards our customers," said Mr. Ramadan, "and we always aim at enlarging our clientele in order to reach each and every person in Jordan."

"Osema Marketing Est., agents of American computers: A*Star, Mac, Turbo computers and Neostar," said Mr. Ramadan, "is planning local area network to open, in the near future, a showroom where hardware and all its needed accessories will be displayed." "The showroom," he added, "will contain everything a client needs; from computer paper to the very advanced microcomputers and software."

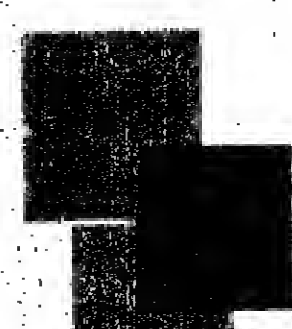
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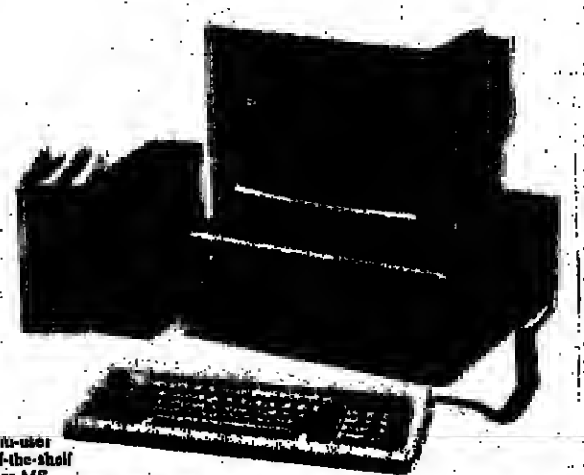
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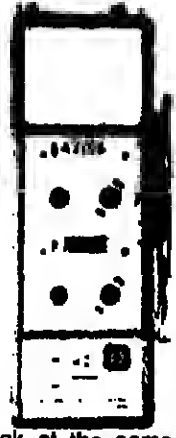


A telephone with 44 channels

Ingénierie Technique Industrielle, has just launched the T.E.R., which was developed by its research branch at Stelm électronique. This device can record a large number of radio and telephone communications. T.E.R. modular design lets it operate on between 11 and 44 channels. It can simultaneously record between 9 and 42 communications on as many tracks. One of the remaining channels is an emergency channel that is activated automatically if one of the lines proves to be defective. The other is used to record the time given by a talking clock or a quartz clock. As a result, various kinds of studies can be carried out on pre-recorded communications.

The T.E.R. can have a single or a double deck. In the latter case, the second deck automatically begins to operate after the first unit has been working for a full 24-hour period. This also makes

SINCE IT was established in 1977, The Dar Muhana Engineering Co. sought to bring the most technologically advanced electronic equipment into the Jordanian market. In this sense, the company has played an active role and was a leader in this field. It is no wonder, therefore, that most of its clients are large establishments, banks and commercial enterprises.



It possible to carry out research on a stored tape, while recording on the other deck of the same time. This kind of research can be carried out automatically. The operator has only to dial in the time of the communication that he wishes to retrieve. The T.E.R. can act continuously or it can be pre-set to record automatically. A safety system makes it impossible to record on a tape that has not been erased voluntarily. Various operating speeds can be chosen by the operator. This prevents third-parties from listening to the tape.

Dar Muhana Engineering Co.:

Keeping up with technology

Some of the latest devices which the company has been offering are the Hasler Swiss electronic telex machine, franking machines, internal communication systems like the Japanese Alphons, wireless paging devices for hospitals, Swiss-made Favag clock system, fire-warning and monitoring equipment like the West German Zetler, and external communication and intercom systems like the Japanese Telco.

The AST American computer is also available for various medical, engineering and commercial applications (IBM compatible). Electronic communication networks and other accessories

are also the specialty of the Dar Muhana Engineering Co.

The company is serviced by a cadre of professional engineers and technicians, who have been trained by the manufacturing companies of the various products. Spare-parts and maintenance are always available at reasonable prices.

Jordanian firm develops software for contractors

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novel system which is based on drawing from the technological advances of management systems of the larger corporations in the world, can work very effectively on small-scale jobs whether in construction or in any other activity (such as industry or similar) requiring careful and continuous planning and management systems.

Reza Haisoun has requested his Cilcon Computer Centre to finalize an in-house programme using the laws of statistics for construction management especially in determining the reliability of forecasts and the composite models of accumulated data and resources. The concept of management of information systems, combined with the statistical approach in relation

to construction management, is a relatively new field while commercial software is extremely difficult to locate.

CILCON plans to introduce, through an integrated M-LRM / CPM package, a new concept which they call "Guaranteed Construction Management Form of Contract." Under the newly devised concept, CILCON will offer important clients who may be starting difficult or sophisticated construction programmes, the possibility that the owner may nominate one or two main contractors to undertake the specialist works but would be able to cover the important construction management aspect by agreement with the construction manager who will act as the over-all general contractor with bank-guarantees

given to the owner for the successful completion of his project as planned.

This service will include in-house architecture and quantity surveying departments that will feed Cilcon Computer Centre with day-to-day changes in data. CILCON realizes that it has only taken one step on the path of advanced management of information systems but it reiterates that there is no future for good practice within the construction industry without the reliance on a similar approach to management, planning and forensic appraisal of programming.

CILCON, as a matter of record, has just celebrated its 20th anniversary for work in Jordan, with the motto: "20 years in search for excellence."



historical landmarks

- 30000 BC, development of cave and home arts.
- 3000 BC, Sumerians (Mesopotamia) introduce sound writing.
- 10th century (or earlier) Chinese develop movable type, ink and handpress.
- 1450, Laurens Coster (Holland) and Johann Gutenberg (Germany) invent the first movable handpress.
- 1714, the typewriter is invented in England.
- 1888, Othmar Mergenthaler introduces the first linotype typesetting machine.
- 1837, Samuel Morse patents the first telegraph.
- 1876, Alexander Bell invents the telephone.



- 1895, Guglielmo Marconi sends the first wireless message.
- 1908, Reginald Fessenden transmits human voice by Radio.
- 1916, Lee De Forest invents the vacuum tube and delivers the first radio Newscast.
- 1919, Westinghouse and General Electric form radio corporation of America (RCA).
- 1920, Thomas Wedgewood captures the first image on silver-coated paper.
- 1922, Joseph Nipkow and Louis Ducommun develop an image on glass and copper plates.
- 1888, George Eastman markets the first Kodak Camera.
- 1897, Halton's pictures and the cuts on wood and zinc etching are printed on newspaper press.
- 1894, the first commercial showing of a motion picture.
- 1926, sound is added to cinema movies.
- 1877, Thomas Edison invents the first phonograph.
- 1904, the first wirephoto is sent from Munich to Nuremberg.
- 1924, television is invented and four years later regular television programmes begin.
- 1938, Facsimile broadcasting takes off.
- 1950, the first active communication satellite is launched.



Xerox changes business world history

By a Star Staff Writer

WHEN, IN 1937, Chester Carlson obtained his patent for the new invention which he called electrophotography, he approached 20 companies to support his invention. But they all turned him down, wondering why anyone would need a machine that does something everyone could do with carbon paper.

However, one person showed great interest in the new invention, and one person was enough to develop Carlson's ideas into a machine that later changed the course of the business world.

Joe Wilson, the president of Heloid's company, signed an agreement to fund the research for the new technology. With the help of a professor from Ohio State University, the term (Xerography) Greek for (dry writing) was coined. Joe Wilson changed the name of Heloid's Company to Xerox in order to closely identify it with the technology it was developing.

On 16 September, 1959, 21 years after Carlson made his first image, the legendary Xerox 914

copier was announced, and the business world would never be the same. The 914 changed the course of history for graphic communications and Xerox. It was almost totally responsible for transforming the company from \$31.7 million in 1959 into today's \$9 billion giant with its more than 100,000 employees in a hundred countries around the world.

About 200,000 (914s), and simple variations, were made around the world between 1960 and the

early 1970s. During 1985, more than 25 years after its introduction there were still more than 5,000 in operation in the United States alone. Between the early 1970s and early 1980s, Xerox introduced a range of machines that made Xerography for the first time a direct competitor to offset printing. In the mid-1950s, 20 million copiers were made annually in the United States on the crude equipment of the day. In 1985, more than 700 billion were made worldwide.

situation may become detrimental. Thus, new strategies were adopted and new products aimed at the low end and mid volume markets were launched with the Xerox quality and reliability.

Xerox 10 series launched in the early 1980s are the most successful new copiers in history, according to Mr Fayaz El-yehya, president of Sukhtan, and Yahya Electronics Company. "Xerox chairman and CEO David Kearns wants Xerox to be remembered as the first American company to regain market share against the Japanese and beat them at their own game," he said. It has been doing so for the last five years in succession.

Xerox operates in all Arab countries. Sukhtan and Yahya Electronics Co. is the sole distributor for Xerox in Jordan. The company deals in Xerox copiers, electronic type writers and facsimiles. The machines in Jordan are the latest developed by Xerox and are "state of art". "The services it offers are at the Xerox standards, and to maintain that, the company employs highly skilled engineers for after sales support," said Mr El-yehya.

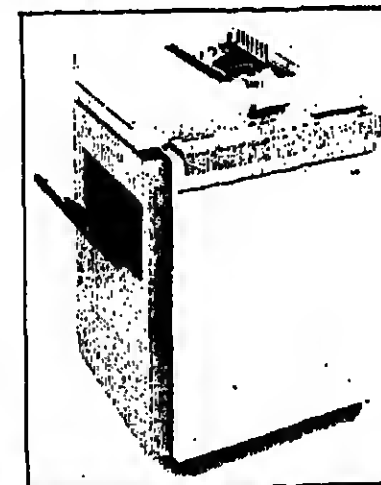


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SSC: A pioneer in the world of computers

By Diane C. Chhangwa
Special to The Star

AFTER HAVING been on the market for only ten years, Multitech-Acer computers of Acer Corporation have found themselves ranked as the ninth PC suppliers in the world. With operations in Silicon Valley, Tokyo, Düsseldorf and Taipei, and a growing network of distributors selling Acer products in over 87 countries, the corporation has managed to maintain an annual 80-90 per cent average growth rate.

The worldwide growing demand for Acer products has meant an ever-increasing demand for greater-factor manufacturing capacity. Originally designed to be compatible with the Apple computer, modern Acer products have

become equipped with the latest systems which allow them to function as IBM compatibles.

For the Jordanian client wishing to purchase either IBM or Acer products, or both, the two can be obtained from the official agents — Special Systems Co. (SSC), located in Shmelsani. First established in 1978, SSC was the first computer company to be registered in Jordan. During the last decade, SSC has grown from a consultancy and service bureau office so as to become the official IBM and Acer representative, introducing the first Micro IBM PCs into the Jordanian market, with Acer products as their product-compatibles.

"Acer Corporation is a very dedicated company which follows the footsteps of IBM," said Mr. Feiz Koudi, general manager of SSC. "Like IBM, Acer is a very responsive and dynamic corporation whose equipment is highly reliable and of top quality." Besides distributing IBM and Acer products, SSC also has a hand in the distribution of packaged computer software, especially developed for the Jordanian market. Among other things, it also provides a lot of computer accessories and computer records available both in English and Arabic texts for its clients.

SSC conducts seminars and training sessions and publishes a newsletter for its clients in its attempt to develop an awareness among clients on the operation and maintenance of both computer software and hardware. SSC's newsletters also aim to keep its clients well-informed on the latest technology concerning the products they sell. "We take a great interest in our clients and their needs," Koudi said. "We try to meet all their demands that are within our limits. By being responsive, we find our clients to be equally responsive as well," he added.



ODEFCO — Creators of efficient office environment

ers for custom-made products, which we make sure are made up to international standards."

"ODEFCO's furniture, combining on elegant design with ultimate comfort is relatively costly," admits Mr. Tabba' who says that "we think it is worthwhile to spend some extra money now and later reap a long-term benefit."

Studies conducted on working people have revealed that a person spends 76 per cent of his workingday seated. If the working place is not well-designed, allowing the person to sit in a relaxed but anatomically correct position, and to change posture frequently, then serious damage to the health may result.

Complaints caused by badly designed work-places vary from severe back-pains, (one of the most common causes of absence from work) to tendon pains, varicose veins, headaches, stiff necks, and digestive problems. Scientific research has shown that a well-designed work-place can increase productivity by up to 25 per cent.

In executing its designs the company believes that "an efficient office is the prerequisite for efficient office work, and efficiency is not just a question of office machines. The furniture must be practical and must create a pleasant atmosphere of work. It should also project a positive image of the organization to its visitors."

According to ODEFCO's chairman Mr. Fuad Tabba' the company co-operates with highly reputed international companies specialized in office furniture. Bene from Austria, and Wilkhahn and Dausen from Germany. It also uses the expertise of local manufacturer-

designed by Klaus Frenck and Werner Snur and manufactured by Wilkhahn are made in such a way as to automatically adjust to the user's desired posture and shifts of weight. It supports the body, in particular the spine and allows for maximum freedom of movement.

"The office design," says Mr. Tabba' "also takes into consideration the equipment used by the worker, be it computers, telephones, calculators or any other office requirements, and arranges them in a way which helps increase work efficiency. Wires are hidden neatly to avoid tripping, to help the office look neat, and to eliminate electrical hazards."

The company showroom, Mekka Road, contains a variety of desks and office furniture to cater for small-scale projects. "Large projects," says Mr. Tabba' "require early design and order preferably during the construction of the office or building."

Since its establishment, ODEFCO has executed a number of projects in Jordan and abroad, for both the private and public sectors. It has recently completed the design and installation work of British Airways Regional Office, Sateway Supermarket Administration Offices, Housing Bank Computer Department and the Conference Hall at the Royal Cultural Centre, which is hosting the Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference in March this year, in addition to several small-scale projects.

The FS — line of office chairs,

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Design professionals use CADD (Computer Aided Design and Drafting) as a tool to generate architectural, civil, mechanical and electrical designs. The speed, flexibility, and accuracy of CADD improve productivity, streamline the design process, control costs, and eliminate repetitive tasks.

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to pass on CADD knowledge and expertise to all engineers in Jordan.

Today NECE provides the local market with turnkey solutions (hardware and software) with the support of an intensive application training programme. CADD hardware consists of a personal computer with graphics capabilities as well as high-speed plotters to produce final drawings. CADD software provides engineers with flexible coding of designs as well as three-dimensional modelling.

The company has also been qualified to submit a complete design for H.M. Royal Pavilion at Queen Alia International Airport. The project includes the design and installation of seating areas, offices and a meeting room.

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Did you know...??

THE OLDEST known mechanical computing aid was the Abacus invented by the Chinese as early as the sixth century BC. And that it was in 1842, that Blaise Pascal invented a mechanical adding machine in which numbers were represented by positions of toothed wheels. A more advanced calculator, which performed multiplication by repeated addition was built by Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz in 1694. More practical calculators were built in the 18th century. But it was not until 1886 that American Herman Holerith invented the punched card machine.

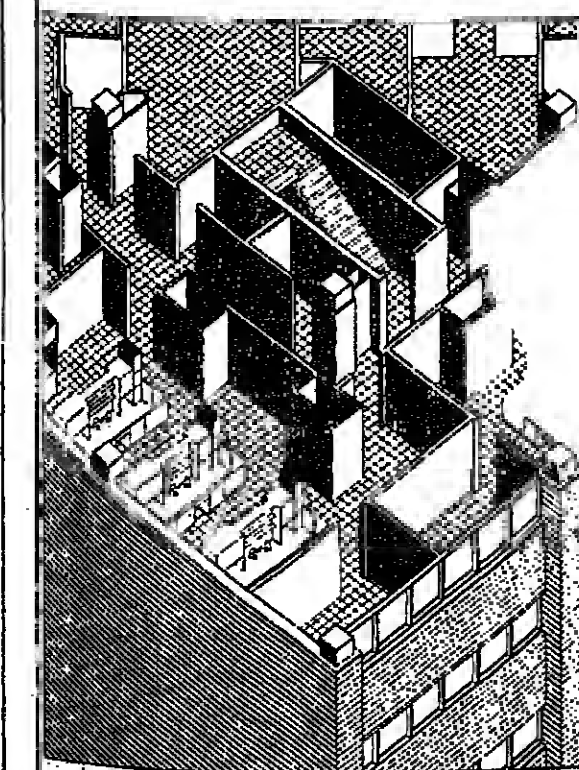
The idea of an automatic computer that performs a sequence of different operations (a programme) was first conceived by Charles Babbage in 1812. He worked on this idea for over 60 years and developed an analytical engine in 1833. His work was forgotten until the 1930s.

Howard Aiken of Harvard University conceived the first large scale computer which was built by IBM in 1944, and was called Mark I. It contained more than 750,000 parts, mostly mechanical parts. It performed three additions per second. However, it was John Von Neumann who developed the basis of the modern computer between 1944 and 1946.

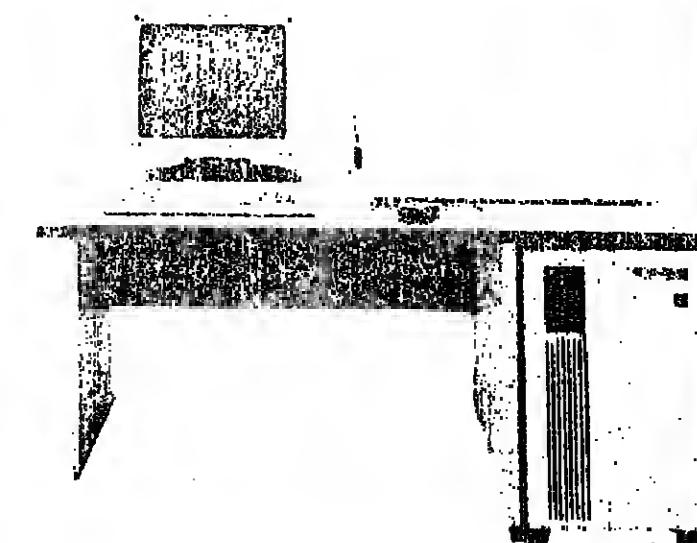
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viewer to establish his own viewing schedule. In a fortnight, seven films are shown six times a week at different times.

"Cinema in the home" — the biggest cinema in France? These two images used to describe Canal Plus are quite justified.

Unlike a cinema audience, which is rather homogeneous, the audience of Canal Plus is characterized by its great diversity, throughout the whole country and in every sector of society. The point is that they are or are about to become cinema lovers. Surveys show that this channel creates a real habit and a real desire for cinema.

The exceptional programs which Canal Plus enjoys in the field of transmitting were granted after long negotiations with the Cinema Federation, French Office (BUC) an organization representing

ing professionals of the cinema industry. For the latter the fall in cinema audiences had necessitated concessions to the new audiovisual system. The cinema television channel represents a new source of income as films have to be bought. It also means that a new cinema audience is being created and, when the viewers have become cinema-lovers, they are then willing to go out to the cinema to see a film.

In return for these advantages, Canal Plus has undertaken, right from the start, to devote 25 per cent of its income to coproductions or to the purchase of broadcasting rights. But, very soon, owing to its financial success, this 25 per cent turned out to be too big a share, compared with the real contribution of cinema to the channel. Canal Plus thus did not meet its commitments and thereby caused anger on the part of the BUC, in October 1987.

Negotiations are in progress and if the BUC maintains its stance and wins, the share of Canal Plus in the income of the cinema industry will amount to around 500 million francs in 1990, which is a quarter of its financial needs. The potential power of this channel is huge. Whatever happens, it will end up playing a major part, for better or worse, in what is already called the cinema programming industry, with a power similar to that of the major American companies. Meanwhile, Canal Plus is preparing to launch a new coded channel for young people. This project, which has been drawn up together with an industry channel, could be a forerunner of channels for cable networks.

A FRENCH company called, NUMELEC, a specialist in the production of nuclear instruments and digital images, is now offering Metapericolor, a digital image processing and analysis system, specifically meant for use in the study of materials.

Metapericolor is equipped with a 4 Mips computation power. It makes use of several processors, including a mathematical morphological accelerator. Despite its complexity, it was designed to be used by the layman. It can receive, process and analyze images from every kind of optical or electronic microscope. It allows the user to solve

Metapericolor solves material study problems

more easily problems that arise in the study of traditional or new materials. Increasingly more complex methods of computation are called upon in order to do this.

Metapericolor is an ideal tool for anyone engaged in the study of the contents, shape, size, local dispersion, anisotropy and granulometry of various met-

materials, as well as the measurement of stages, precipitates, porosity, carbons, inclusions, particles and granular fibres. It can also solve problems regarding the percentage of stages, morphology, shape factors, local density of objects, covariance, alignment distances, separation of objects and statistical parameters.

Tools adapted to desk-top publishing

INOVATIC, has recently announced the development of "READSTAR" 1, 2 and 3. This is the first line of character-recognition software that can be used on IBM PC AT/XT compatible or Macintosh Plus micro-computers. This optical reading software makes it possible to input typed or printed pages in any kind of character and store them on ASCII or word-processing files. The micro-computer can be linked to a vast range of scroll or flat scanners. An important feature of "READSTAR" is its considerable flexibility which allows it to be used in various configurations.

The various models can be adapted to meet very different needs, ranging from office automation to mass input tasks such as photocopying, editing, data banks, documentation, teletransmission, automatic translation, etc.



"READSTAR 1++ can recognize typed characters at a constant rate of 10, 12 and 15, proportionate with more than 250 different models of graphics. Its performance and moderate cost make it ideal for office use.

"READSTAR 2++ can recognize both typed and printed charac-

ters. It has two ways of operating: an automatic mode (with its own document feeder) and an interactive mode that lets the user correct unrecognized characters.

"READSTAR 2 and 3++ are an ideal tool for professionals interested in inputting texts (photocomposers, editors, service centres and document banks, translators), archivists and companies that require a large number of word processors.

The line's three software packages can be integrated into "Lila". This combines their possibilities of input, processing and image-handling, thereby creating tools that are particularly well-adapted to desk-top publishing.

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French Programmes

Saturday
5:45 La Gerfaut. The last episode of this romantic drama.
7:00 The News In French.
7:15 Un DB de Plus; this week's guest, Pierre Delaune.

Sunday
8:00 Rue Camot, a drama series. Danny is involved in a terrorist act at a train station.
8:30 L'ecole des Fens: This week's guest, Michel Sardou.
7:00 The News In French.
7:15 The 10th International Festival of Circus in Paris. This episode featuring: Bologna and Hungary.

Monday
6:00 Parlez-moi d'histoire: This episode about Catherine de Medici, the mother of three kings.
7:00 The News In French.
7:15 The weekly sports magazine.

Tuesday
6:00 Comme tu veux, mon chéri.
7:00 The News In French.
7:15 Un DB de Plus: this episode's guest: Joan Guy Denis.

Wednesday
5:30 Champs Elysees.
7:00 French Varieties.
7:15 Agondini en Jordanie: a local magazine produced and

presented by Saleh Madi.

Thursday
8:00 Rue Camot, a drama series.
8:30 La Chance aux Chénons, with guest Alice Dore.
7:00 The News In French.
7:15 French Varieties.

Friday
5:30 French Feature Film: Signes extérieurs de richesse — a comedy with Claude Brasseur and Joëlle Balasko.
7:00 The News In French.
7:15 Un DB de Plus: featuring Claude Lemesle.

English Programmes

Saturday
8:30 Married with Children. Al decides its time to get some recognition on the job.
9:00 Saturday Variety Show.
10:20 Feature Film.

Sunday
8:30 Farrington of the F.O. A member of the staff is arrested for espionage.
9:10 "A Conductor at Work" — a one-part documentary about Claudio Abbado.
10:20 Secret Army, eps 11.

Monday
8:30 Are You Being Served?
9:10 Vindicta, eps 2.

10:20 Feature Film: "No Greater Gift", the story of an intimate friendship between two patients in a hospital.

Tuesday
8:30 Comedy series. "No Place Like Home".
9:10 Standby — Light Camera! Action! Special film effects are achieved by lighting, costumes, make-up, and computer graphics.
10:20 Murder She Wrote.
11:10 Three's Company.

Wednesday
8:30 Sweet Surrender.
9:00 Well-Being: "Getting Info Bhspe".
9:35 Tales of the Unexpected: An elderly couple lose their jobs — but it turns out to be a stroke of luck.

10:20 New mini-series "Nancy Wake" — a romantic drama set in World War II France.

Thursday
8:30 Kate & Allie.
9:10 Rags to Riches.
10:20 Feature Film: "Continental Divide" with John Belushi as a newspaperman who meets his wife's old lover in an unlikely romance.

Friday
8:30 Growing Pains. Mike auditioned for a Saturday slot in the morning.
9:10 The Simpsons.
10:20 Feature Film.



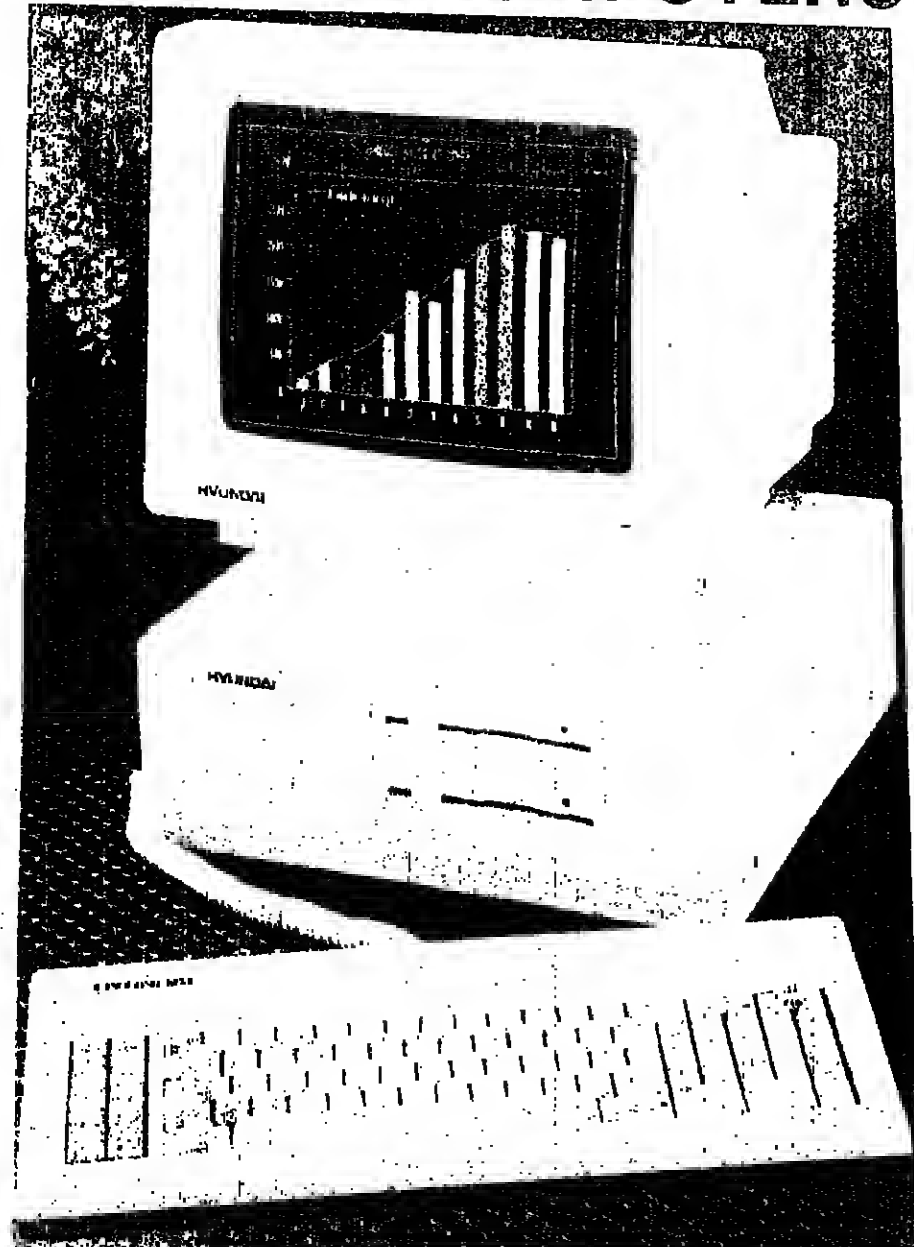
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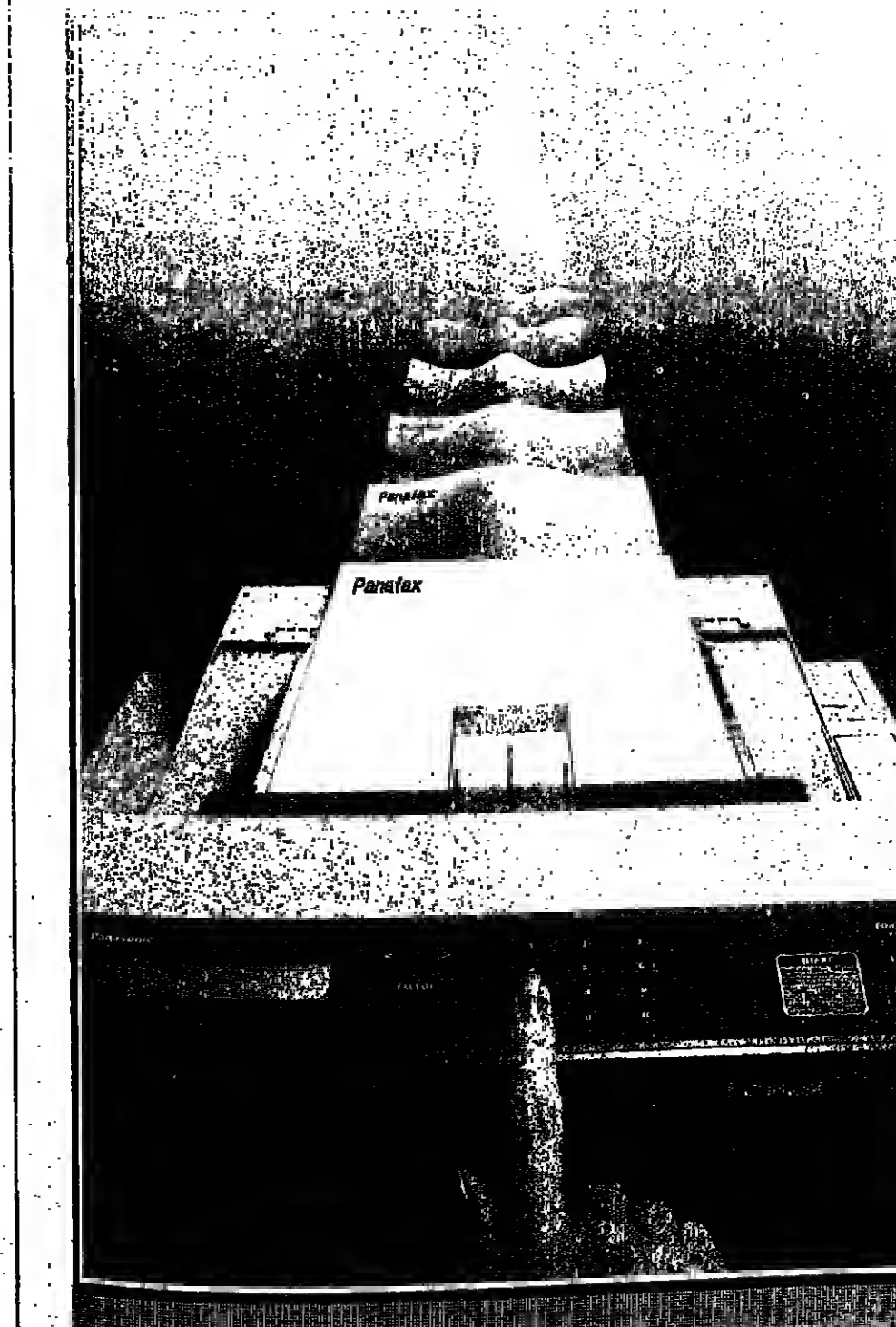
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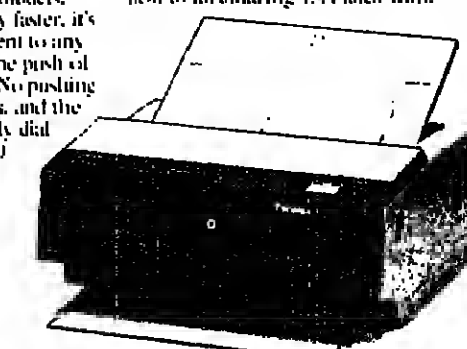
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Philippines celebrates People Power

The Philippine Embassy in Jordan, Mr. Juan V. Saez, held an open house for the Filipino community in Amman at the Embassy's club on 1st Sunday, 28 February, to commemorate the second anniversary of the "People Power Revolution" in the Philippines. Over 200 Filipinos joined the celebration which lasted for six hours.

On the occasion, Ambassador Saez issued the following statement:

The Philippines observes the second anniversary of the People Power Revolution which, from 22-25 February, 1986, toppled the Marcos dictatorship.

Two years since that historic revolution, which was witnessed by the world through their TV sets and their newspapers, the Government of President Corazon C. Aquino has restored the basic institutions of democracy: an independent judiciary, a constitution expressive of the sovereign will of the people, a freely elected congress and a new set of local officials. The Philippines today has one of the freest press in the world.

It has been two difficult years marked by seven aborted coup d'etat, strike action by militant labour groups, a growing communist insurgency, and a continuing separatist movement.

Additionally, much remains to be done. Two years are far too short for the government to ac-

complish all its goals and its vision for the future, but the Philippine Government is seriously addressing the manifold social, economic, and political problems of the country. The spirit of that February revolution will continue to be remembered by freedom-loving peoples everywhere.

Earlier in Manila, President Corazon C. Aquino led the nation on Thursday, 25 February, in the anniversary celebration along Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) where the February revolution took place two years ago. President Aquino joined more than a million Filipinos from different walks of life in forming a human chain for peace.

Opening the celebration with a morning prayer, President Aquino said, "Look upon those of us who unfortunately believe in violence, and show us the true meaning of the words you spoke in the garden. Those who take the sword shall perish by the sword."

Meanwhile, in his homily during the anniversary mass, Cardinal Jaime Sin urged the government to "reduce the ever-growing gap between the rich and the poor," so that the country would be able to progress.

Philippine Ambassador back in Jordan

The Philippine Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Juan V. Saez, returned to Amman on 26 February and has resumed charge of the Embassy, after a three-week official trip to Manila.



From left: Vice-Consul Walter Salmingo, Ambassador Saez, and Consul General Emmanuel Contreras



Members of the Filipino community in Amman at the open-house held 28 February by the Philippine Ambassador, Mr. Juan V. Saez, to commemorate the second anniversary of People Power Revolution

OIC to reject MNLF membership bid

Mr. Ramon V. Mitra, Jr., Speaker of the Lower House of the Congress of the Philippines, reported on 25 February that Saudi Arabia and the other members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) are inclined to reject any move to dismember the Philippines. He said leaders of these Muslim states are in favour of settling the Mindanao problem in accordance with the Philippine Constitution.

President Corazon C. Aquino expressed elation over the good news and said she would meet the cabinet immediately to take up a number of recommendations to follow the success of the Mitra mission through.

Mr. Mitra made a brief report to President Aquino on his seven-day trip to the Middle East after meeting with journalists at the Ninoy Aquino Inter-

national Airport. He said that he and the accompanying delegation held a series of cordial meetings with Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz and Prince Saud Bin Faisal, Foreign Minister and Mr. Sahri-fuddin Pirzada, Secretary General of the OIC.

The President flew to Mindanao on 25 February bringing a one billion package of projects to that island.

AWGC to hold Philippine evening

The Arab Women Graduates Club of Jordan will hold a Philippine evening on 12 March at the Jerusalem Hotel from 5:00 to 7:30. The affair will be under the patronage of the Philippine Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Juan V. Saez.

The evening will include folkloric dancing and singing to be performed by some of the members of the Filipino community in Jordan. A bazaar will also be held to showcase Philippine products. There will also be an exhibition of Philippine paintings.

Foreign group wants to buy Manila Regency Hotel

A Japanese and US banking and a real estate group has offered US\$750 million for the purchase of Hyatt Regency Hotel of Manila and the Philippine Government's properties in Japan.

In a letter to President Corazon C. Aquino, Hiroshi Nakata, president of the Masashitomo Co. Ltd., cited the company's complete trust and confidence in the Aquino government as the main reason for its wish to invest in the Philippines. Nakata said, "Hyatt Hotel will be utilized to accommodate Japanese, European and Australian tourists with the Philippines as their stopover point. At present, Hongkong is the stopover destination. We can thus assist in your government's tourism and trade promotion efforts."

Peso-US Dollar rate

The Peso-US dollar reference rate has been pegged since 18 February at Peso 21.01 to US \$1.00.



Jean-Pierre Fillu

To introduce the business community, both Jordanian and British to British Ambassador Tony Reeva, who presented his credentials last week, British Commercial Secretary David Hawke and his wife Betty held a reception last Thursday attended by many people, but to name a few: Mr and Mrs Bill Hamilton, British Bank of the Middle East's Eric and Valerie Gill, Grindley's Mr and Mrs Alan Cooper, Colonel Tony and Doris Gardner, the Star's own Pam Dougherty, ten Slimpaon, Mr and Mrs Adib Hebeayeb, Ilea and Jana Dallal, Ella and Samira Nugut, Abdelh and Zahide Shehben, Kim Abu Jaber, but without wife, who had just produced Thursday, who, Kim says, is his spitting image, Hanna Hashweh and daughter, Dr Hanneh and Sylvia Habb, Kemal and Waded Kassar, Mr and Mrs Samir Haddad, Dr and Mrs Naal Khoury and many other friends.

Before leaving for the States, Waleh and Diana Dalani held a small gathering of friends in their temporary house, which went on and on, because not only are they beautiful hosts, but the company and conversation was interesting. Visiting from the states is Waleh Nasser, from the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (AADC) who told the company of the excellent work AADC was doing in creating an Arab-American lobby and helping to protect the Palestinian people, now well into their third month of the uprising. Also present were Kamel and Waded Al-Kawar, Laila Deeb, Nidal and Mariene Sukhtian and their daughter Rana, Said Al-Azm and wife Carrie Nolle Moya. Said returned to Amman last January for a minimum of one year with UN RQEF, but as he knows the region so well, we all hope he will remain here much, much longer. Carrie Moya, whom you all know as one of the Star's foreign correspondents, will continue writing for some American papers on Middle East issues.



It's hard to believe that this picture was taken only last week



The Little Hands perform this week at the Palace of Culture. See story p 13.

Sanator Abdoul Rahman Khalefeh "Abu-Tameem", successfully went through an operation in the Khelid Hospital last week. The sanator is now the busiest patient there, with hundreds of visitors going to see him. His sons Zuhair Khalefeh, Manager of the Fanelon Fund, Ahmad and Ali, both engineers in the army are receiving their father's well wishes. Khelid Hej-Hassen, Minister of Transport, Ahmad Al-Louel, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament and many more senators, M.P.s, and personal friends have come to wish him, as we do, a speedy recovery.

Good news for speakers of French in Jordan. We are planning to include two pages of French-language news and feature stories every week right here in the Star. Our new editor Francois Ducroux is already on the job, and promises lots of good reading every week.

Jean-Pierre Fillu has just arrived to take up his post as First Secretary at the French Embassy. With a specialization in history and oriental languages he'll certainly find a lot to interest him here in Jordan.

British Embassy's David Whitbread and Egypt's Hilmi Bdeir really deserve an award of the highest standard for the effort they put into making a success of the dinner-dance given by the Diplomats' club at the Marriott Hotel last Friday. The company was great, the food delicious and the music, although a little loud, was great.

Friends of Archaeology

The Friande seem to be comfortable in their walking shoes as March starts off with another walking trip. This one is on Friday 11 March and will be along the Eabus-Livias Roman Road that in the 1st to 4th centuries went from Jerusalem to Eabua (Hebron). The walk won't cover the whole road — just around eight kilometres in all. Departure is from the Amra Hotel at 9 am and the walk will begin from Ayoun Mousa. Don't forget comfortable walking shoes and a picnic lunch suitable for carrying.

On Friday 25 March there will be a tour to Wedi Ja'ad which is north of Amman between Zal and Rumein. The tour will include visits to a late Roman Mausoleum, a Byzantine tomb, and Ayyubid Mosque, a water system and a wine press. There should also be lots of wildflowers and spring blossoms and only a little walking. Departure as usual from the Amra Hotel at 9 am.

Friday 1 April offers a trip to Pella to catch up on the work of the second team from Sydney University. Departure from the Amra Hotel at 9.00 am.

Lectures

On Tuesday 14 March at 8.00 pm at the American Centre of Oriental Research Dr Frank Koucky, a professor of geology at the College of Wooster in Ohio will present a lecture in "Ancient Copper Mining and Metallurgy of Cyprus." On Tuesday 29 March at 7.00 pm and this time at the Goethe Institute at Third Circle Dr Moawiyeh Ibrahim, Director of the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology of Yarmouk University will lecture on Jordanian-German co-operation in the field of archaeology, anthropology and epigraphy.



Desert Dairy

The BBC celebrates the camel this week with a look at its unique physiology and its role in traditional desert societies

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Solid Arab stands

At the end of his Middle Eastern shuttle mission, which aimed at putting forward an American proposal to reactivate the peace process, US Secretary of State Mr George Shultz conferred with His Majesty King Hussein in London this week.

The King made it clear to Mr Shultz that American perception of peace in the region must come as a result of continuous consultations with the five permanent members of the Security Council including the Soviet Union, which must be involved in the peace-making process.

In this sense, the King stressed that the international peace conference remains the most acceptable forum for peace negotiations.

During his visits which took him to Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt, the American official has had an exclusive opportunity to find out exactly what each party to the Arab-Israeli conflict had to say on the future of peaceful settlement in this volatile region.

Above all, Mr Shultz must have realized the dire need for an end to Israel's 20-year-old occupation of Arab lands, which is the cause of both tension and injustice that has fallen upon the Palestinian people and which is expressed today in their heroic defiance of Israeli occupation.

As Jordan welcomed the renewed American involvement in finding a lasting and comprehensive solution to the problem, it also cautioned the Americans and indeed the Israelis, not to force partial or solitary settlements, which in effect are contrary to Jordan's and all Arab states' belief in the inevitability of a comprehensive and just solution that takes the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people into consideration.

Mr Shultz has said that he will be coming back to the region to resume his mediation efforts. Again we believe that unless the United States begins to see the situation from a perspective that matches with that of the majority of world governments, the prospects of peace and the value of American involvement will be minimal.

A regrettable development

The renewed war of cities between Iraq and Iran is the most regrettable development since the Iranian attacks on shipping in the Gulf led to increased foreign naval presence in the region.

Renewed bombardment of population centres will only aggravate the situation and enhance intent on vengeance and thus further weaken the prospects of finding a political solution to this meaningless and devastating war.

As has always been the case, Iran is to blame for the resumption of cities' shelling by long-range missiles. For when Iraq aircraft attacked a remote Iranian oil refinery which is mainly used to supply war fuel, Tehran retaliated by launching rocket attacks on residential areas in Baghdad and resumed its artillery shelling of the southern city of Basra under the pretext that the Iraqi air-raid envisaged civilian centres.

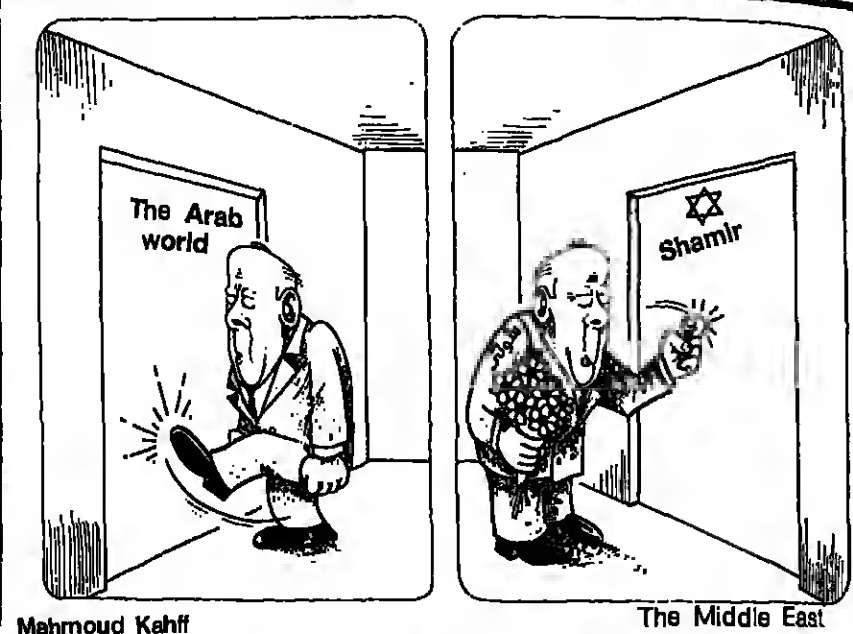
What occurred afterwards adds a new tragic chapter to the annals of the senseless conflict that has been raging for more than seven years.

Iraq has had no alternative but to answer the Iranian provocation with powerful attacks on Tehran. In these attacks, which Iraq was forced to launch, Baghdad has again proved its absolute military superiority on the ground and underscored its ability to fire scores of rockets in retaliation for each missile which the Iranians fired on Baghdad or any other Iraqi city.

Iranian leaders must have been shocked by the ferocity and intensity of the Iraqi reaction to their irresponsible provocation. They thought that, by resorting to the shelling of Iraqi cities, they could make up for their failure to carry out their long-menaced offensive against Iraqi territory. For their part, the Iraqis have demonstrated their preparedness to respond effectively while maintaining their complete willingness to negotiate an honourable peace.

While the Iraqi missiles were accurately hitting their targets inside Iran, Baghdad announced that the attacks would continue until Iran accepts the United Nations' call for a ceasefire in the Gulf war. The Iraqi's ultimate goal remains unchanged: a peace settlement to the conflict through the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution Number 598, with all its provisions.

Iraq's genuine desire for an honourable peace, added to the recent Iraqi developments in the Gulf war, should prompt the international community to pursue its endeavour to put an end to the conflict on the basis of Resolution 598. The time is ripe for a new Security Council resolution banning arm sales to Iran to force it to relinquish its intransigence and embark on a new era of peaceful co-existence with its neighbours and give up its expansionist designs. The world community is required to act swiftly and with a strong determination to avert the extensive devastation which is bound to be caused if Iran persists in its refusal of peace efforts.



Armenian demands test Gorbachev's 'glasnost' policy

By Dana Adams Schmidt
Star Washington Correspondent

THE BOLD demonstrations by Armenians in the Soviet Union in support of a demand for reunification of their republic with a lost province now in Azerbaijan could prove an Achilles heel to the Gorbachev administration. If the Russians give in to this demand and also proceed with their intention to let Afghanistan be independent, then there may be scores of similar or different cultural or nationalistic demands from among the fifteen republics and about a hundred ethnic groups that compose the Soviet Union. Not immediately, of course, but over the next few years.

This is the opinion of Richard Hovannisian, professor of Armenian and Near Eastern history and associate director of the Near Eastern Centre at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mr Hovannisian said in a telephone interview that he did not believe the Armenians would be granted their demand that mountainous Karabakh province with a population of about 160,000, of whom about 150,000 are Armenians, be separated from Azerbaijan and rejoined with Armenia. He thought it more likely that Gorbachev would put them off with cultural favours, perhaps by granting them an Armenian television station.

For centuries Karabakh remained semi-autonomous and a centre of Armenian culture under the rule of Armenian princes although the rest of Armenia had been conquered by Persia or Turkey according to an historical article by Hovannisian in the Sunday Washington Post. At the beginning of the 19th century Karabakh was annexed by Russia and the Armenians lived quietly until the Russian revolution of 1917. A period of chaos followed, and during temporary Russian withdrawal from the area, both Armenians and Azerbaijanis declared their independence.

Thereupon Azerbaijan, which is almost

entirely composed of Turkish-speaking Shiite Muslims, claimed and occupied Karabakh despite resistance by the Christian Armenians.

When Azerbaijan became a Soviet republic in 1920 the Azerbaijanis agreed to unification of Karabakh with Armenia. But not for long. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was then in control of neighbouring Turkey and he objected to such a large Armenian state taking shape on his border. He talked to Josef Stalin, and as a result the Treaty of Moscow in March 1921 assigned disputed Karabakh to Azerbaijan.

As a concession to the Armenians the Russians gave parts of Karabakh autonomous status but still within the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Armenians of Karabakh are not complaining about their cultural status nor would they secede from the Soviet Union. They want only to be joined with fellow Armenians, and Christians, no more than 10 miles away. They feel oppressed.

In dealing with the Armenians, who

dared stage demonstrations of hundreds

of thousands of people, one of the largest

unauthorized mass meetings ever held in

the Soviet Union, the Russians may be

risking loosening the cap of Soviet con-

trol. Cultural demands by other republics

or ethnic groups can easily cross over

into more troublesome nationalistic feeling

in some cases.



View from the US

Facts compared

To the editor

From time to time we read press-releases issued by the embassies of some friendly countries about the assistance rendered by their governments to Jordan.

I suggest that these embassies, when seeking such information, reveal corresponding figures about the assistance given by their countries to Israel which in most cases exceeds the help given to Jordan by ten thousand per cent, at least.

George Khoury



By Kevin J. Kelly

Spedal to The Star
MANCHESTER, NEW Hampshire — Even though this is his second bid for the White House, the Rev. Jesse Jackson remains the most unusual figure in US presidential politics. Of the seven candidates for the Democratic party nomination, Jackson alone has never held elected office. He is also, by far, the furthest-left contender in the field, and he receives the highest negative poll rating of any Democratic hopeful.

At the same time, though, the country's foremost black politician can credibly claim to be the party's most experienced candidate, both in foreign affairs and in direct organization of a mass constituency.

Jackson is also unique among the major party aspirants in using his campaign as a vehicle toward other goals: challenging racism in American life, and introducing a social-democratic element into mainstream political discourse. That is not to say that the charismatic civil rights leader sees his candidacy as purely symbolic.

Conventional wisdom holds that Jackson has no chance of winning his party's nomination, let alone of becoming the first non-white US president. But this 48-year-old son of the segregated South has a history of confounding expectations through sheer force of will and abundant talent.

No-one doubts he has a substantial electoral base among blacks and other minorities. Now Jackson is trying hard to attract white voters to his "Rainbow Coalition." His efforts to build a majority from the "locked-out, shut-out and disenfranchised" did not cease when his 1984 campaign ended with a memorable speech to the Democratic convention in San Francisco.

For the past four years, Jackson has crossed the country to stand beside Midwestern farmers facing bank foreclosures, New England industrial workers fighting layoffs, and gay rights marchers in California and Washington. While not abandoning his central message of black pride, Jackson is placing less emphasis on racial issues this time around.

He now highlights a foreign policy agenda (the Jackson Doctrine) featuring respect for international law, adherence to the principle of national self-determination, defence of human rights in all countries and increased aid to the Third World from the United States and Japan.

Domestically, he denounces "economic violence" against Americans of all colours and calls for creation of an American Investment Bank. Capitalised with \$500 billion from public employee pension funds and protected by a federal government guarantee, the bank would fund low-cost housing, mass transit improvements and anti-pollution facilities.

Jackson's attempt to broaden his appeal has included overtures to the Jewish community. He travelled to Geneva in 1985 to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev before the summit there to request relaxed immigration procedures for Soviet Jews. And three months ago he appointed a Jewish political professional as his campaign manager.

These and other conciliatory gestures are intended to heal the wounds Jackson opened in the 1984 campaign. The Chicago-based contender has apologized repeatedly for having referred to Jews as "hymies" during a conversation with a black reporter four years ago.

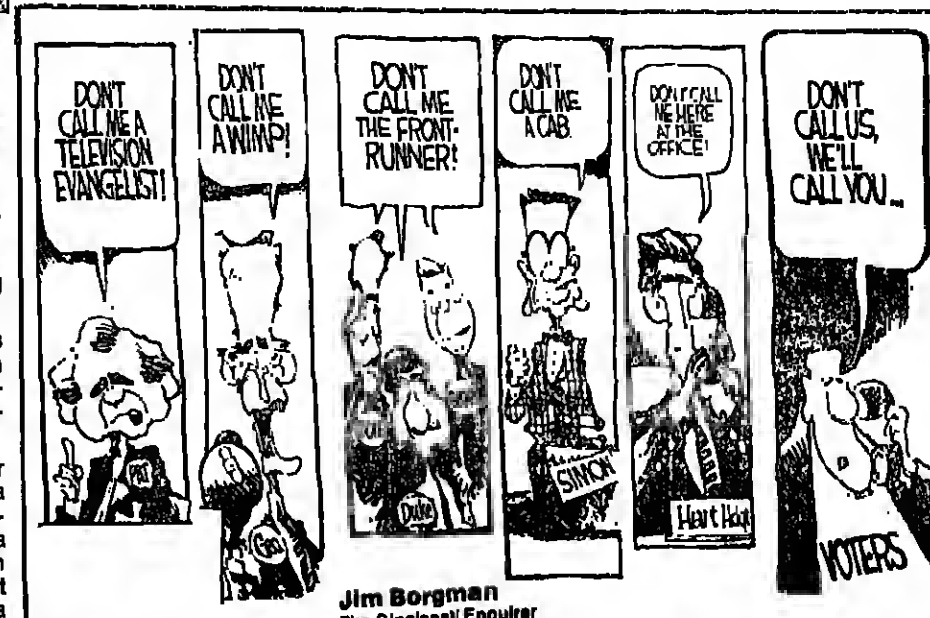
He no longer associates with Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, who ignited an uproar by terming Judaism a "gutter religion." But American Jews remain alarmed by his Middle East policies, which differ from other candidates' in favouring a Palestinian homeland.

Jews contribute a key liberal bloc in Democratic party politics; although their sentiments will not be fully gauged until the

opinion

Is the US ready for a black leader?

Editor's note: Following is the last article of our four-part series on the 1988 US presidential elections. It focuses on the democratic aspirant Jesse Jackson.



Jim Borgman
The Cincinnati Enquirer

New York and California primaries in April and June respectively.

Jackson is virtually assured of a strong showing in the 14 Southern states that hold primaries on "Super Tuesday, 8 March. It two or more of his competitors are still visible by then, he might win the single largest share of delegates from the region, owing mainly to his enormous popularity among the roughly 25 per cent of Southern Democratic voters who are black.

In 1984, when he had very little backing from the black political establishment, the upstart challenger still received more than 80 per cent of blacks' votes in primaries and caucuses around the country. Impressed — or cowed — by that performance, practically every important black office-holder in the United States is working for Jackson this time.

More skillful and intensive campaigning among the sizable Hispanic communities in New York, California and Texas may also help Jackson improve significantly on his 1984 results. In that campaign, which saw the Democratic nomination won by Walter Mondale over Gary Hart, Jackson won about 18 per cent of Democratic primary and caucus votes and went to San Francisco with nearly 12 per cent of convention delegates pledged to his cause.

In fact, it is by no means impossible that this maverick candidate could wind up with the largest block of delegates at the Atlanta convention in August. Such an outcome is viewed as unacceptable by many Democratic Party leaders, and they can be expected to try to thwart his progress should a white front-runner not emerge soon.

Convinced that Jackson's nomination would guarantee a Republican landslide in November, the white party hierarchy would probably be willing to risk alienating minority voters by directly attacking their favourite. Until now however, Jackson has been almost completely exempt from criticism by other candidates.

This special treatment, which is both condescending and based on cold political calculations, has enabled the Baptist minister to escape potentially damaging scrutiny of his career. A few long-time associates say privately that Jackson's relentless self-promotion makes them uneasy.

The most troubling example involves Jackson's claim to have been close at hand when civil rights campaigner and Nobel Peace laureate Martin Luther King was gunned down at a Memphis motel in 1968. Contradicting Jackson's account, some King aides recall that he was not the last person to whom the slain leader spoke, did not cradle the dying King in his arms, and acted melodramatically in wearing a blood-stained shirt to television interviews the day after the assassination.

Jackson is also accused of having a propensity for showmanship that far ex-

ceeds his organizational abilities. The Rainbow Coalition, envisioned by many of its participants as a continuing independent movement, founded following the 1984 campaign as its leader failed to establish a competent administrative apparatus.

Operation Push (People United to Serve Humanity), a black self-help group that Jackson headed for several years, has been accused of financial mismanagement. However, it has conducted successful product boycotts to force white-controlled corporations to hire and promote more minority employees.

Jackson's defenders respond that he does indeed possess a driving ambition that has enabled him to overcome countless obstacles, and emerge as the most compelling advocate of social change in the United States since King himself. The segregated



Jackson, the most unusual figure in US presidential politics

society in which he was raised in South Carolina was designed, Jackson has said, "to break your spirit and make you have a low aim in life."

In his case, institutionalized racism has plainly failed. Relatives and friends from his childhood say young Jesse was deeply affected by the embarrassment his mother suffered after giving birth to him out of wedlock.

His lifelong pursuit of dignity and respect affirms, they argue, from these circumstances and from constant confrontation with racial prejudice. A star athlete, Jackson complains he was prevented from becoming a college football player at the University of Illinois solely because of his colour. Whatever his personal shortcomings and public gaffes, Jackson is already assured a place in U.S. political history.

Just how profound his ultimate influence will be may be determined, to a large extent, by what happens to him and his movement in the next six months.

Kevin J. Kelley is a freelance journalist and author who specializes in U.S. political issues.

Viewpoint

By Ya'coub Ahmad

Israel unveiled

By: Ya'coub Ahmad

PEOPLE AROUND the world watched with horror on their TV screens how two fostered Arab youths were taken by Israeli troops to a desolate spot to be beaten mercilessly with stones until their backs and hands were broken. About two weeks ago, the world was shocked to learn that Israeli soldiers tried to bury four Palestinian men alive who would have died under mud had their rescuers come two minutes later.

So that is Israel which has been created with help from the Western world so that Jews could avoid persecution. The tragedy grows in dimension with the passage of years when Israel turns into a ruthless oppressor and at the same time continues to elicit huge assistance from the West under the pretext of past persecution. The more outrageous aspect of the affair was that Israel maintained its hunt of suspected Nazis and put some of them on trial for two purposes. To keep reminding the West of its guilt and prompt it to provide it with moral and material support, and to instill hatred in to the hearts of the young generations, and eradicate their humanitarian feelings.

The Israeli troops who had broken the backs and hands of the two helpless Palestinian youths last Friday and the soldiers who attempted to bury the four Arabs alive belong to a generation who have been nurtured to hate and show no mercy towards others.

Most of them were probably born and raised in Israel where Jews live in peace and security and have never been subjected to persecution or humiliation. They are supposed to be gratified with their lot and show better understanding of other people's need to live in peace and attain their freedom. Instead, they have been taught to inflict suffering on the innocent and show no mercy in their crackdown on the victims of their fathers' aggression.

The unprecedented excesses of the Israeli occupation forces in the occupied territories over the past three months have undoubtedly exposed Israel's colonial and racist nature to the entire world. No effort, I believe, can beautify the distorted image of Israel or enable it to restore other nations' respect.

Israel also can no longer resort to history to revive Nazi atrocities in an attempt to regain international sympathy and portray themselves as the victims of aggression and past persecution. In world eyes, Israel has unveiled itself as a combination of Nazism and racist prejudice worse than the one practised by the white-led regime in South Africa.

The Israelis do not seem to realize that they have been making a terrible mistake for which they will eventually pay a very heavy price. Their actions will soon bring the situation to a point where hatred and vengeance become dominant in an extremely devastating scale. Israel can no more expect sympathy or understanding from the outside world. The truth is no longer concealed behind a veil of false democracy or under pretensions of a struggle for survival.

Revolt becomes part of life

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP)

The United National Command for the Uprising Tuesday called for continued struggle in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a leaflet circulated in the occupied territories, the command called for marking 'Land Day' on 5 March and urged on the 'Palestinian banner day' on 8 March and called on the Palestinians to hoist Palestinian flags on all houses in the occupied land. On 8 March, the Palestinian women are called to participate in massive demonstrations to mark the Women Universal Day. Total strike will be staged on 9 March on the occasion of 'Martyrs Day'.

Israeli soldiers firing tear-gas and rubber bullets broke into a hospital in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday, beating doctors and detaining two boys suspected of throwing stones at troops, the hospital director said.

At Ramallah Hospital, 8 miles (12 kilometers) north of Jerusalem, Dr. Yasser Obeid said three soldiers with their guns drawn burst into the building shortly before noon, apparently looking for demonstrators.

In a second incident, Israeli soldiers shot and wounded a Palestinian in the right shoulder during a protest in Sebastiya near the west bank city of Nablus, hospital officials said.

The troops fired tear-gas and a round of rubber bullets inside the hospital and broke several windows, he said, adding it was the second time in a week troops broke into the government-run hospital.

Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers shot and killed one Palestinian during a protest in the occupied West Bank on Monday, hospital officials said, while the army said a second Arab died of wounds suffered in a clash with soldiers last week.

Police released on bail Haniya Schneider, a Jewish settler detained on suspicion of involvement in the shooting death of two Arabs in the West Bank. Police said an investigation into the incident would continue.



It is everybody's revolt

A Palestinian was shot in the neck during a clash with soldiers in Birin, about 3 miles south of Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, the Arab-owned Palestinian Press Service (PPS) officials at Nablus' Al-Itihad Hospital said. The army said it was checking the report. A second Palestinian, 30-year-old Mahmoud Batwi, died of wounds suffered four days ago when he was shot in the head in a protest in the West Bank town of Jenin, the army said. Schneider, of Neve Tzuf, is suspected of killing two Palestinians on Saturday night from the neighboring village of Abud after villagers blocked the main road.

Arab reports said Israeli soldiers opened fire to quell riots sparked by Jewish settlers who tried to enter a West Bank village at night. The army on Sunday confirmed two Arabs were shot to death.

Meanwhile, Israel's Radio said Arab demonstrators blocked a main highway outside the village and stoned Israeli soldiers. The radio said a number of Jewish settlers also arrived on the scene. Shots were fired, and



the army was investigating the source, it added.

The deaths brought to 74 the number of Arabs killed by Israeli gunfire and beatings since rioting erupted 8 December, according to United Nations figures. Hundreds more have been wounded by gunfire.

However the army confirmed it was investigating charges that a soldier shot and killed a Palestinian demonstrator in cold blood after seizing him during a demonstration. The spokesman said the incident occurred in the Gaza Strip last month but gave no other details.

In Jerusalem, police safely detonated a bomb planted at the entrance to a large supermarket in Ramat Eshkol, one of the city's northern Jewish neighborhoods, police spokesman Rafi Levi said. Levi said the bomb was discovered by a passerby who alerted police.

Touring Hehoul near a village where two Arabs were killed over the weekend, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin heard complaints from Arabs about beatings and shootings. "Go to the



A cry of pain, anger and pride

villages, and tell the people that if they will be quiet, we'll be quiet, too," he said. "As long as there will be riots residents will be hurt." Numerous other areas, including Khan Yunis and the Sehef refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, the Ramallah area, Yatte, near Hebron and around Nablus.

In the Gaza Strip, the army imposed or extended curfews on four refugee camps, confining 120,000 people, or nearly one-tenth of the 1.5 million Arabs in the occupied territories, to their homes.

Earlier Israeli soldiers shot dead two Palestinians and wounded scores in violent clashes Saturday, and thousands of Israeli demonstrators urged their government to back the peace mission of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

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Shultz' initiative

Prospects are iffy

His Majesty King Hussein voiced Jordan's rejection of any partial, interim or unilateral solution and pointed out that the new American thoughts need to be developed to correspond with the requirements of a just and comprehensive peace.

The Jordan News Agency said that the King met with Mr. George Shultz and discussed with him the new American initiative for Arab-Israeli peace. His Majesty told Shultz that the only means to achieve peace was through an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict with the participation of all parties involved including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Earlier and before leaving Israel Tuesday, Mr. George Shultz implicitly admitted failure to promote US ideas on a new settlement of the Palestinian problem.

He said before departure to London that his peace initiative was still alive even though Arabs and Israelis had not yet agreed to talk peace. "If I had to describe the situation, I would say: Nobody has signed up to our proposals, but everybody wants us to keep working."

A senior Israeli official who demanded anonymity said, "Shultz's meeting with King Hussein would play a major role in determining if he would return to the region." The official added, "Shultz was in a bad mood when he returned from Amman."

However, US-Middle East peace efforts Monday suffered a setback as the idea of forming a joint delegation with the PLO was disputable.

As US Secretary of State Shultz shuttled to Amman from Jerusalem for further talks, sources familiar with the Jordanian thinking said that only the



His Majesty receives Shultz in London

PLO should represent Palestinian interests.

Reporters in Amman told that Jordan's position, and that of the rest of the Arab world, had hardened in reaction to Israel's forceful repression of Palestinian demonstrations in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Before Shultz's visit, the Americans had assumed that Jordan was still ready to form a joint delegation with Palestinians selected by the PLO under a

1985 formula that seemed to side-step a confrontation with Israel and the United States.

In Syria, the official Tishrin daily described Shultz's proposals for achieving peace in the Middle East as irrelevant. "The Shultz's ideas do not deal with the basic elements of the Palestinian problem," the newspaper said. "They do not indicate the possibility of a serious attempt by Washington to put pressure on Israel."

The paper added, that Shultz

is not concerned with the history of the Palestinian problem. He has picked up only last chapter and is concerned only with the Palestinian revolution and the problems it has created for Israel.

The paper noted that the US concern revolves around one thing — how to liquidate the Palestinian cause without making any serious effort to confront the Israeli intransigence.

State-run Damascus radio also commenting on the latest US campaign said, "The United States is invited to take an unequivocal and positive stand." The broadcast noted that such a position is not possible until the United States rid itself of Israeli hegemony.

After an expanded meeting attended by high ranking Jordanian officials led by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent, Foreign Minister Tahir Al-Meer said Saturday, "We believe the only way to arrive at a peaceful settlement is through the convening of an international peace conference to be attended by the five permanent members of the Security Council as well as all the parties."

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No time to talk in the Middle East

Not just the visit of US Secretary of State George Shultz is a casualty of the militant mood in the Middle East. Commonsense suggests that the negotiators keep out when the stones are flying.

By Sajid Rizvi
Special to The Star

LONDON — The almost unanimous Arab disapproval heaped on US Secretary of State George Shultz's visit rankled American diplomats and officials but it served a warning, albeit at the US mediator's expense, that this perhaps isn't the time for talking.

US, Israeli and most Arab positions are being defined, and redefined, literally hour by hour in response to the developments in the occupied territories. In such a volatile situation, what is there to talk about? Nothing, or

has defied attempts at cooling, controlling, or deflecting it. That's hardly surprising because the instrument that can calm the Palestinians, other than a further buildup of the Israeli power, does not seem to exist. It does not, in any case, seem to be within reach of those who may wish to use it to restrain the rioting youths.

This is not to suggest that the situation in the West Bank and Gaza is evolving uncontrollably. The Israelis, who initially maintained that the uprising was stage-managed, now assert that

for an extension of the 1979 Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel has somewhat cooled.

The postponement of negotiations on the lines of Camp David is not a response solely in retaliation for the Israeli mistreatment of the Palestinians. It's also an exercise in caution. While military takes root in the occupied lands, giving a new credibility to the Palestinian movement, it's little short of political suicide for governments to be seen attempting compromises.

Despite myriad interpretations, in the public eye in the Arab world, the Camp David Accords still are regarded as little more than compromise. In Egypt they are seen to be working both ways — keeping Cairo closed in on Washington, with the obvious financial rewards and hope of leverage on Israel, as well as causing continuing problems in Egypt's attempts to secure the confidence of the Palestinian movement within the occupied territories.

Not without reason was Cairo lukewarm to the Shultz visit, which it saw more as an embarrasment than help in its ever-rising concern that it must soon put a handle on the situation in the occupied territories. Aside from the fear that it may miss the boat in the occupied territories Egypt has seen the unfolding events in the West Bank and Gaza distort its priorities. A public US intervention involving Egypt, therefore, only recasts Egypt in a compromising posture — not necessarily fairly or justly, but it does.

The uncertainty common to the mediators or would-be troubleshooters outside the region would end, however, if there was an initiative beamed directly at the Palestinians.

It would not automatically produce a breakthrough. But if the idea is to stop further bloodshed, then its recurrent cause should be addressed at source in a way that would be convincing and adequate, not temporary or piecemeal.

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The uprising has changed the political map in the Middle East

quite a lot — depending on where one starts. But the current agenda doesn't look encouraging.

The United States is not alone in finding itself pushed toward assuming the posture of a power in the process of crisis control. Israel adopted that stance in the follow-up to its much publicized but as yet undocumented abandonment of an Iron-Fist policy in the West Bank and Gaza. The United States' regional allies likewise have made attempts to be seen trying to defuse the explosive situation in the Israeli-held territories.

But the Palestinian uprising

is managed from within by a secret hierarchy. Does that mean it's spontaneous in the outcome on the streets but still guided along by the leadership? The Israelis aren't telling; neither, of course, are the leaders of the movement.

The implications of that state of affairs are obvious to anyone venturing out to defuse the whole thing. The crisis evidently isn't available for management. It seems increasingly transparent that it wouldn't be there if it was open to resolution yet. This has been recognized in many Arab capitals, particularly Amman and Cairo, where the ardour

The media be damned

WHO, PEOPLE ask, is responsible for the accession of Palestinian disorders and disturbances that have been afflicting the land since early last December? The political right and the political centre and the political left all have their own dazzling answers.

But there is one culprit that is fingered by many, especially on the right. And that is the media, both foreign and domestic. They, it is claimed, incite the Arabs to riots through their very presence. Now the phenomenon of events not happening unless the media is present to display them is certainly well known. No one is more familiar with that than politicians, including our own.

And the rioters in the territories have certainly learned to play this game.

However, those who make the media the chief culprit go further. Without the media, especially the hostile anti-Israeli TV cameras, there would be no Palestinian rebellion. Or at least, there would be no international backlash to what Israel must do to check it. Without the media, Ronald Reagan, for one, would

never have learned what was going on in the territories, and he would never have approved of anything like the present Shultz mission.

Thus the righteous of the Likud in the cabinet yesterday agreed it is the media that is the true source of the country's present woes, and that the time has come to scotch the media

would be spared the anguish that goes with the discovery of a lost innocence, and the fear of a world-wide backlash calculated to delight the country's worst enemies. An iron curtain of secrecy and our problems will be solved.

There will be those who will argue that such a garraon-like Israel would turn the country into an authoritarian travesty of itself and make it a parish in an alienated world. But if Mr. Shomir and Mr. Modai and all their fellows think differently and fear no untoward consequences, let them have the courage of their convictions. Let them insist that the media be banished and to hell with world opinion, including that part of the world called the United States.

However, if they don't have the courage and fear the consequences, let them explain how a country that can't even control the media can hope to control, let alone annex, the people in the territories.

The Jerusalem Post

Revolt becomes

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to move freely. The army also extended curfews in four Gaza Strip refugee camps, restricting 120,000 people, or nearly 10 per cent of the 1.5 million Arabs in the occupied territories, to their homes.

However, units swept through the West Bank and Gaza Strip and four Arabs were killed Friday as U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz met with Israeli leaders to explore new peace proposals.

Also in Jabaliya, one woman was wounded by gunfire and 20 other Arabs were treated for beating and tear-gas injuries, hospital officials said.

Ahmed Attallah, a witness, told the Associated Press soldiers broke into the mosque and detained 30 worshippers, all of whom were beaten and shorted. "Allah Akbar," God is Great in Arabic.

In Hebron, south of Jerusalem, hundreds of worshippers streamed out of a downtown mosque chanting and throwing stones, an army spokesman said. Soldiers tried to disperse the crowd with tear-gas and rubber bullets, and then began firing live ammunition, he said.

Arab League Secretary General Chadi Madi has made contacts with the Algerian government on the Algerian president's call to hold an Arab Summit conference to confront a crisis portended by the occupation forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In another development, the Algerian workers trade union, called on all the Algerian workers to grant the brethren Palestinians one-day wage as a sign of solidarity with the Palestinian resolution.

Rabin defended the troops, telling American Jewish leaders in Jerusalem he was "Proud of the behaviour of our army."

"There is much hypocrisy in the world's attitude toward us," Rabin told members of the conference of the presidents of major American Jewish organizations.

"America and the European countries should not try to teach us how to behave," Rabin later told graduates of an officers training course in southern Israel. "They should examine their recent and not so recent history before maligning Israel and its soldiers."

Most of Israel's 24 cabinet ministers support closing the West Bank and Gaza Strip to journalists as long as the unrest that erupted 8 December continues. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said after attending a cabinet session this week.

Closing news to reporters "is done in various countries around the world where confrontations of this sort take place," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said. "If it becomes clear that indeed it may limit the damage, I would be willing to consider it."

Jewish settlers distributed 3,000 leaflets in Palestinian towns warning that Israel would crack down against Arab agitators.

"Don't be mistaken enough to think we are turning the other cheek," said the leaflets distributed by the nationalist Jewish paramilitary organization "The days when Jewish blood was cheap are long gone, as is the day of the slogan 'Slaughter the Jews.' 'Don't mistake our intention. We are staying here forever,' the leaflets said.

Gush Emunim called on Israel to impose emergency laws in the territory occupied by Israel 20 years ago. "Anyone who lifts a rock, puts his life on the line," said spokesman Noam Arnon. "The Arabs have to be told this. We don't have to wait until, god forbid, Jews will be burned in a bus. We must do this now."

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Every Week



By Dr. Nabil El-Sharif

No need for a new summit

NO SOONER had Algerian President, Boujdia, called for holding an extraordinary Arab summit to discuss ways of supporting the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, than columnists and political observers in the Arab world noticed their heads in agreement, and started repeating his call in favor. Increasing intensity as it holds an Arab summit is the only way of finding the magic cure for all Arab ills.

It has only been less than 10 months when the last extraordinary Arab summit was held in Amman. And that summit succeeded, by all estimates, in laying the foundation of a new Arab era of solidarity and co-operation. What is required now is not probably holding a new Arab summit, but rather the implementation of the resolutions of the previous one. Or has this nation been destined to continue making resolutions, without following these resolutions to the ultimate stage of implementation?

It has been decided, for instance, in the previous Arab summit that the only way to achieve peace in this part of the Arab world is through the convening of an international conference that should be attended by all parties involved in the conflict, including the PLO, and the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Arab summits should only be held at regular and distant intervals to lay out strategies for years and years to come. And they should not be viewed as the only way of achieving Arab consensus regarding the urgent issues and challenges that confront the Arab world. And if some of the resolutions of the previous summit still await the day when they would be implemented, who can say, with confidence, that the resolutions of the proposed new summit would be any different?

I am not suggesting that Arab leaders should not respond collectively to the escalation of Israeli occupation practices in the occupied territories. I am only saying that these leaders should be more flexible and prompt in meeting these challenges, instead of accumulating resolutions without implementing any of them. Before thinking about a new summit, shouldn't they fulfill the promise made in the previous one?

middle east

Solomon's mine to produce gold again

Saudi Arabia's oldest gold mine, first worked in the 9th century B.C., will become its newest when production restarts in April. But industry experts warn that the successful revival of the Mahd Ad-Dahab mine does not mean that Saudi Arabia will become a major gold producer.

By Maria Kielmas
Special to The Star

AMID a booming world gold market and after years of controversy, the 3,000-year-old Mahd Ad-Dahab gold mine in Saudi Arabia is to resume production soon. While the mine reopening signals a long-awaited start-up for a Saudi mineral industry, the pace of further development remains in doubt because of severe budget cuts and reported misunderstandings between potential foreign investors and the Saudi authorities.

Mahd Ad-Dahab has a rich and romantic history. Gold was first mined during the time of King Solomon (961-922 B.C.), then during the Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258 A.D.).

At the beginning of this century, many European geologists surveying the Arabian Peninsula confidently concluded that "no gold mines are known to exist in Arabia." The most recent workings at Mahd Ad-Dahab were during the reign of King Abdul-Aziz Ibn Saud, who founded the modern State of Saudi Arabia in 1932.

Investigations in the 1930s led to the formation of the Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate and reopening of Mahd Ad-Dahab. Work continued until rising costs and a fixed gold price made the project uneconomical.

For the past two years, however, gold has been enjoying a bull market, with prices on the London and New York exchange in the region of \$460 an ounce in early October.

"Gold still looked cheap relative to equities and bonds before the stock market crash last October, so people bought," said Julien Baring, gold specialist at London-based stockbrokers James Capel and Co.

The bull market continued after the crash, with prices topping \$480 by late October. Despite an end-January slump to \$454 — about the same levels as mid-1987 — analysts are optimistic the price will recover.

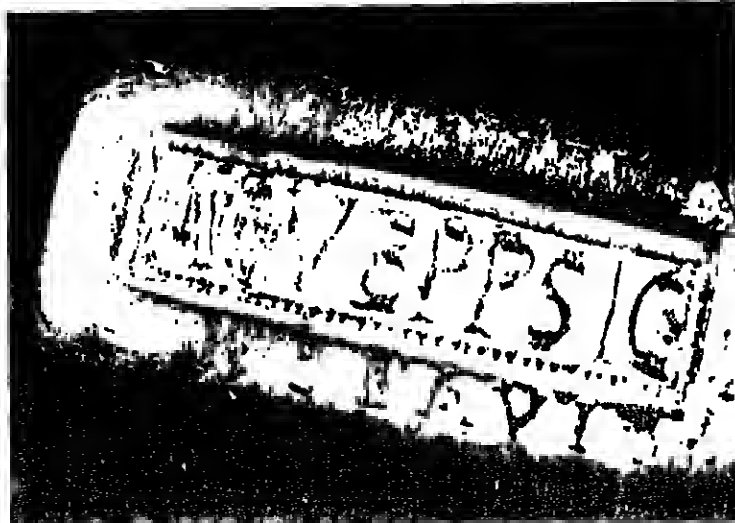
While some analysts argue that the massive increase in new gold mines worldwide will result in oversupply, the majority take the opposite view and predict a shortage — although gold is scarcely touched by conventional laws of supply and demand.

According to Baring, current world gold production is around 1,600 tonnes a year, increasing by 1.5 per cent annually. "Even if you doubled that to three per cent a year, you would have to compare it with an increase in money supply of 10 per cent," he said.

Much of the world's gold ends up as central bank reserves. Up to 1985 many Third World governments were forced to liquidate their holdings for budgetary reasons, but now governments have become net buyers. "In addition," Baring said, "gold always has a place in an investment portfolio."

All this should bode well for Saudi Arabia's nascent gold industry. "The Mahd Ad-Dahab mine is regarded as small by world standards — but small gold mines can be profitable in the current market," experts say.

Mahd Ad-Dahab is scheduled to start operations in April and will



Gold is yielding high gains

production. It should produce 120,000 tonnes of sulphide ore a year. Deposits are estimated at 1.45 million tonnes of ore with an average gold content of 26 grammes per tonne.

In addition, the ore comprises 2.56 per cent zinc and 0.85 per cent copper, and silver yield is estimated at 92 grammes per tonne. According to official projections, the mine should produce 3,228 tonnes of bullion a year, which will be exported for further treatment and refining.

The mine is currently wholly-owned by the state oil and mineral agency Petromin. Swedish mining company Boliden was hired last December to provide technical assistance for a period of six months. The deputy Ministry of Mineral Resources originally contracted British-based Consolidated Goldfields (ConsGold) to undertake exploration and appraisal at the Mahd Ad-Dahab site.

Under Saudi mining law ConsGold, through its Saudi subsidiary Goldfields Mahd Ad-Dahab, could form a joint gold production venture with Petromin in the event of a commercial find.

Saudi law allows the State, in the form of Petromin, a 50 per cent share of any commercial mining venture in payment of pro rata back costs to the private sector concessionaire.

Before such a joint venture could be brought to fruition, Petromin negotiated sole concession rights to the mine-retaining ConsGold as project advisers under a contract which was due to run until 1988. This contract was terminated on 12 February last year following many reported incidents of mutual dissatisfaction.

Petromin has not given any reason for termination of the contract, and the London headquarters of ConsGold have declined to make any statement, on or off the record.

Industry sources suggested that one reason for the Saudi authorities' dissatisfaction was that at one stage recently the majority shareholding in ConsGold was South African, although currently this is not the case.

The same sources said that according to former ConsGold employees, the company's projected development costs were out of proportion to the mine's potential profit. "The feasibility study on the mine," they said, "was ridiculous by world standards."

"To date," the sources said, "sunk costs into Mahd Ad-Dahab are in the region of \$280 million, although the total may not be completely attributable to ConsGold." Average development costs for such a project, the sources said, "would be \$50-60 million." Other industry sources said that problems also stemmed from Petromin's lack of mining and decision-making in their own

In addition, because of budget constraints the government recently declined to extend the contracts of several foreign mining-related companies which had been operating in Saudi Arabia for several years. They include British-based Seltrus Engineering, Riofinex and British Steel, Canadian company Walla, Griffiths and McCourt, and France's Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières.

Although some specialists argue that Saudi Arabia has yet to be adequately surveyed, most experts say that the country's commercial mining potential is modest by world standards.

They say that exploration expenditure to date has been very extravagant compared with the mineral potential, and that for the mining sector to have a viable future both international companies and Saudi authorities must learn how to cope with one another's constraints.

Saudi Arabia has two other potential gold developments at Al-Amar and Sukhalbarst, as well as a number of minor unexplored prospects. But such ventures must compete with numerous developments worldwide.

In 1987, for example, Australian gold output jumped 25 per cent from the previous year, while 20 new mines of greater potential than Mahd Ad-Dahab started up in Canada alone.

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to the conflict including the PLO.

Al-Masri added that the base for any peaceful settlement in the area must be the withdrawal of Israel from the occupied territories and the securing of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

"On the Palestinian side, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat met Monday with five western diplomats to deliver messages regarding the dangers of the US plan for a Middle East settlement," the Palestinian WAFA news agency said. Mr Arafat met with ambassadors of France, Britain, Greece, Spain, and Turkey in Tunis.

The messages dealt with the dangers to the Palestinian people of the new American démarche. The messages say the US plan ignores the national rights of the Palestinian people, notably their right to self-determination and the creation of an independent state on their own territory under the PLO.

Earlier, Arafat spoke Saturday at a news conference at the PLO headquarters outside Tunis and said that the PLO has selected a delegation made up of representatives from the occupied territories and elsewhere. It is expected to meet, without preliminaries, Mr Shultz or any other personalities in any Arab, European, or even American capital.

Arafat said he could not expect that "the United States or anyone else choose our delegates or those who should represent us. The choice can only be made by the Palestinian people and its leaders."

The PLO last week instructed Palestinian in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip

to boycott meetings there with Shultz because such sessions would not include representatives of the three million Palestinians living outside their homeland. None of the 15 prominent Palestinians invited to meet Shultz Friday in Jerusalem showed up.

After a three-hour meeting with President Mubarak Sunday, Shultz said we feel that we have a number of promising ideas.

Shultz said before leaving Cairo that the aim of his tour is to reach a comprehensive peace while taking into consideration the demands of all parties concerned and the security problem in addition to the espousal and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. He added that "we discussed in detail those matters" and described his talks with the Egyptian officials as constructive.

However, and upon arriving in Israel Thursday, Shultz said, "Now is the time to work for peace and I am convinced that I'm bringing with me a workable proposal."

On the other side, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, he opposed key elements of the initiative. He Monday declared what he termed "External devilish pressures," and added that there are some people wishing to see us conquered.

On his part, Foreign Minister Shimon Perez said Monday after talks with Shultz that we went over the last of the outstanding issues. He added, "I think there is still an input of important ideas."

Asked if there was any progress, the Israeli minister said, "I think there is a chance although I am aware of the very complex situation that exists." Perez said that Jordan was taking the US proposal very seriously.



Wellington — Survivors from the Korean fishing-boat Dong Cheng clinging to their upturned litter in heavy seas.



Moscow — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and British Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Geoffrey Howe pictured prior to talks in Moscow.

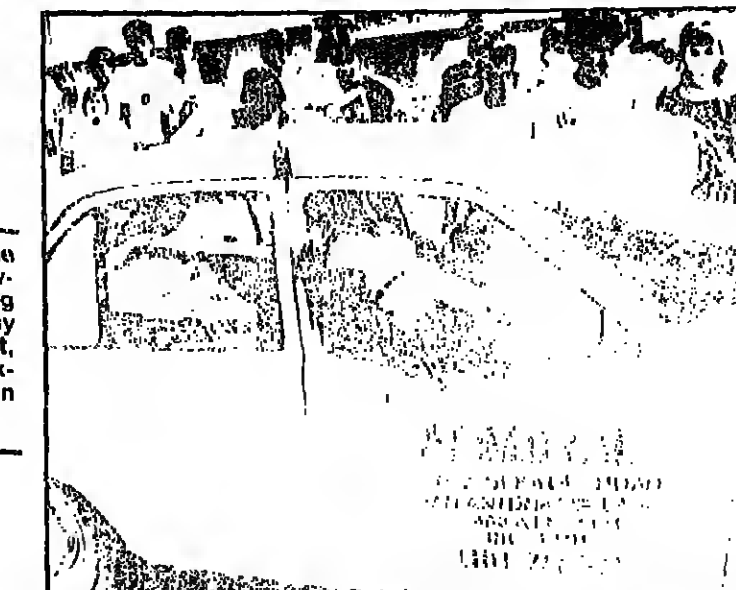


Vienna — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim gets ready to his TV statement to the nation (Waldheim seated in his office in the old Imperial Castle).

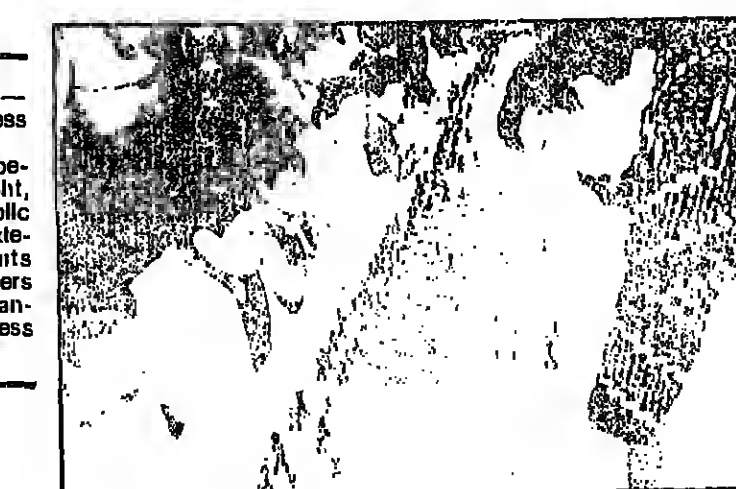


The little black dress takes on a new meaning with the Chanel Boutique collection for autumn and winter (above, left) while on the right is sheer drama from Hanae Mori with this stunning elan evening gown.

1) The spring-summer bride from Yves Saint Laurent; 2) Mini skirt by Christian Dior Fashion House; Mark Bohan; 3) Guy Laroche Fashion House.



Manila — The horse, drawing its rig along a busy Manila street, after it smacked into a taxi-cab.



New York — World chess champion Gary Kasparov, right, plays public school students. Students are members of the Manhattan Chess Club.

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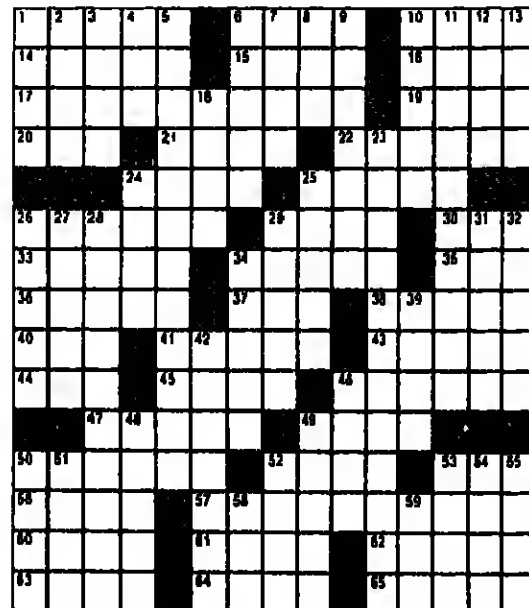
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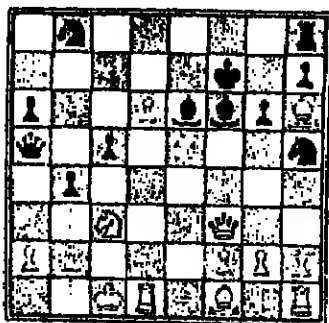
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White play, and how should the game go?
London grandmaster Jns Speelman won the British title, backed by its traditional sponsors City stockbrokers Greaveson Grant, Speelman, with 9.11 finished a point clear of top seeded Tony Miles.

Chess solution

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BRIDGE

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7 8 4
K 10 8 2
9 8 6 4

East
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K 9
Q J 8 3
A K 7 2

South
K J 5 4 2
3 3 2
5 4
J

Dealer North. Love all.
In a French tournament the bidline went like this:

South West North East
TS IC
2R 2S
3S 2N No

West's voluntary Two ♣ strikes me as a doubtful venture. If he had passed, his partner might have bid Three Diamonds over Two Spades. Five Diamonds can be made if the clubs are well managed.

West led the 6 of ♣ against Three ♣. How would you play? The deal is a textbook example of the Scissors Coup, once known as the Coup without a name.

The 6 of ♣ was clearly from four small. If South finesses, a heart comes back, and when East comes in with the ace of spades he gives his partner the lead in diamonds and obtains a ruff in the third round of hearts.

The correct play, therefore, which was found at the table, is to win with the ace of hearts and cut communications by returning a diamond at trick two. It becomes impossible then for the defenders to obtain the ruff in hearts.

JEANE DIXON'S

Your Horoscope



21 March-19 April

Enthusiasm is the key to success now. You have lots to learn. Get going! Travel is best postponed. Stay close to home and be on the lookout for new job opportunities. Your self-confidence takes a giant step forward. Business success depends on how much you believe in yourself and what you are doing. An important relationship improves when you open up.

TAURUS — 20 April-20 May

You remember something that could help solve a problem. New financial rewards are part of the picture. Let a child take responsibility for his actions. Go slow when choosing stocks to buy. Having someone to hug and hold is more important than anything else now. You get a tip that is worth following up. Taking risks is part of your style. Avoid going overboard.

GEMINI — 21 May-20 June

A new job or friend could help you find success. Cell mate and share the good news. Your spending must be brought under control. Pan messes so you have time to relax. You still have a head start on the competition. Showing more independence could open the door to a better job. Pay attention to family matters. A phone call could save you hours of hard work.

CANCER — 21 June-22 July

A happy surprise is part of the week's plan. Let partner tell you. Accept someone's apology, but do not count on this person to change his ways. Hang on to your values. Your good intentions may not be enough. If something is worth having, it is worth pursuing with zeal. Family support keeps your spirits from sagging when a relationship falters. Know your own heart.

LEO — 23 July-22 August

Something you undertake with trepidation will turn out to be a blessing. Good health is linked to nutritious meals and less alcohol. A relationship will be strengthened by a simple act of kindness. Others discuss complicated problems and expect you to provide simple solutions. Be honest with your friends. A family member will be calling you for help. Put your cash in a safe place.

VIRGO — 23 August-22 September

Family matters and real estate dealings look brighter this week. Failing to meet a deadline could prove costly. Let others share expense when travelling or dining out. Romance is a source of excitement. Important people are willing to make concessions. Capitalize on a golden opportunity. Go over bank statements. You may be better off than you thought. Romance has its ups and downs. Go slow.

LIBRA — 23 September-22 October

Travel plans may not pan out. Be flexible. A good week for comparison shopping. Bargains abound. Job-hunting also proves fruitful. Beware of asking your friends for introductions to influential people. Do not be afraid to experiment. Taking small risks can be highly profitable. The news from star is excellent. Real estate ventures prove rewarding. Romance is the best postponed. Concentrate on work.

SCORPIO — 23 October-21 November

A work project gets off to a flying start. You profit from pooling your resources with a neighbour or relative. A lively exchange of ideas leads to new understanding. Be open-minded. Buying something on the spur of the moment is unlikely to bring satisfaction. Older people who work behind the scenes are especially helpful now. Follow their advice to the letter and you profit.

SAGITTARIUS — 22 November-21 December

You could be caught off-guard by financial developments. Progress depends on the way you handle your responsibilities. Pin on spending quiet evenings at home. Romantic partner seeks your advice. Mental life could interfere with your business plans. Continue to work on creative projects. An excellent week for forming new business or romantic alliances.

CAPRICORN — 22 December-19 January

A relationship could be touch-and-go. Overseas contacts require foreign travel. Renew your passport. A financial development takes you by surprise. Review your options; there are several. Curb those extravagant impulses. Your co-workers should be congenial. Keep a medical or dental appointment. Influential person offers a helping hand. Accept gratefully. Return favours quickly.

AQUARIUS — 20 January-18 February

Take a closer look at plans involving your mate or partner. The two of you could have different priorities. The durability of a relationship is more important to you now than in the past. Everything seems to come easily this week. Teamwork will help boost profits. Beneficial agreements can be negotiated. A change of lifestyle will make you feel better about yourself. Exercise greater self control.

PISCES — 19 February-20 March

Domestic affairs are favoured. Good fortune will come your way late in the week. A shopping excursion with a companion could produce real bargains. Romance is strengthened when you keep loved one's secrets. Your co-workers will be gushing about your new ideas. A restless mood makes you yearn for a break in routine. Do not do business with strangers until you have checked them out.

THIS WEEK'S CHILD is a quick learner who enjoys school. He can please his teachers without making much effort and has an excellent memory. Do not be surprised if he shows an early interest in religion and the more serious side of life. He curiously about people could lead him to ask embarrassing questions. Let this keen-eyed Pisces know that off-desire their privacy. His creativity will be revealed in his painting or writing. He may use his psychic talents to get ahead in business. He has a lively imagination and likes to mimic those around him. Expect this confident Pisces to tell wonderful stories in end of school. His friendships usually last a lifetime. Deeply spiritual, he strives to be in full command of himself at all times.

DIARY

Exhibitions

Paintings by Oseme Zeweldeh Al-Uzalat at the Goethe Institute until 7 March

Graphic art on the theme of the Palestinian uprising by The'er Ouba is at the Union of Professional Societies building 3,4,5 March

The Painting Club at Yarmouk University and the British Council present an exhibition of paintings 5-9 March

Films

The Spanish Cultural Centre (S.C.C) the French Cultural Centre (F.C.C) and the Ajloun Cinema in

Sweilah (A.C.) join forces this month in a film festival celebrating the work of Luis Bunuel.

March 3: 5 pm: Un perro andaluz

8 pm: El angel exterminador: FCC

desir: FCC

7: 8 pm: Viridiane: AC

9: 8 pm: El angel exterminador: FCC

10: 5 pm: La mort en ce jardin: SCC

12: 8 pm: La mort en ce jardin: AC

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Which Make Sense?

Which of these questions make sense? Which don't? Why don't they?

Can a bright child be as bright as the sun?

Do ducks grow down as they grow up?

Is a month longer than a minute?

Do most farmers eat what they can and then what they can't?

Are you asleep?

Which are harder, multiplication tables or dining room tables?

Which runs faster, a clock or a stream?

Where does the moon go in the morning?

Are you older than your grandfather's daughter?

What is something with legs that can't walk and a seat but can't sit down?

What has two hands, but no arms?

What has a head and a foot, but no body?

What has four legs, no back, and never walks?

What's black and yellow and goes zzub, zzub, zzub?

Lamya: What is a good way to keep a dog off the street?

Hanin: Put it in a barking lot.

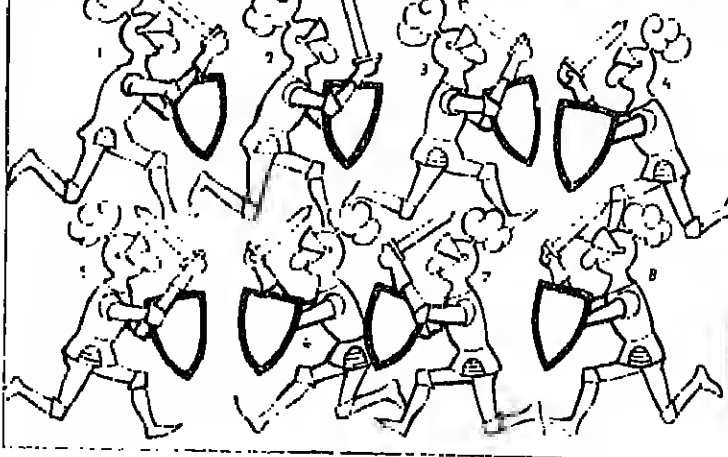
Nature Names

Fill in the blanks below. Each correct answer will also spell a person's first name. Do you have a nature name?

1. Bird with a reddish breast
2. Tree or shrub with shiny leaves and red berries
3. Baby kangaroo
4. Flower that grows on a thorny bush
5. Flower with white petals and a yellow centre
6. Noisy blue bird with a crest of feathers on its head
7. Bird's beak
8. Trumpet-shaped flower, often white
9. Climbing vine
10. Gem found inside an oyster
11. Small, bluish-purple flower

Answers on this page

Who is the odd-man out? One of these knights differs from the rest. Do you know which one?



CALLING ALL KIDS SIMILE POETRY

As soft as crystal sand,
As soft as diamond dust,
As soft as gold shavings,
As soft as silver powder,
As soft as a flower bud
Is a good heart in peace for ever
and ever for all to see
Rand Hazou, grade 7
Abdul Hamid Sharaf School

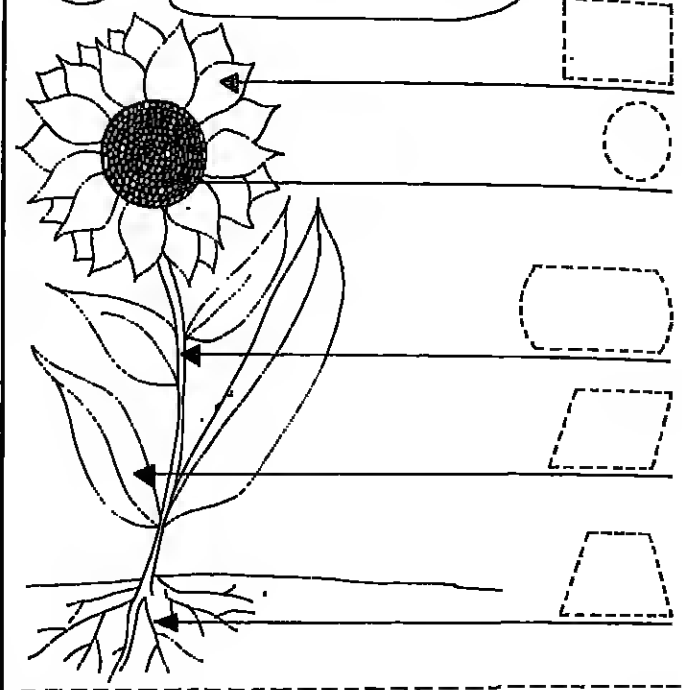
As soft as wool,
As soft as grass,
As soft as silk,
As soft as snow,
As soft as sound
Is nature.
Khalid Hussaini, grade 7
Abdul Hamid Sharaf School

As soft as a sheep's wool,
As soft as a small bird's feathers,
As soft as a pillow,
As soft as a bad blanket,
As soft as a baby's hair
Is warmth.
Omar Qasim, grade 7
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As soft as a peach,
As soft as a feather,
As soft as a pillow,
As soft as a blanket,
As soft as wool
Is my pet bird Cranky.
Khalid Younis, grade 7
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SUNFLOWER

Cut out the words and paste them on the correct spaces. Color the sunflower.



petals leaf roots stalk center

What am I?

At the start of my ear,
At the end of my nose,

There are two in my teeth
And just one in my toes.

In the middle of feet,
And on each side of eye,

Why is there one in me
When there isn't one in I?

The letter e.

Science Corner



Tarek: Where does a lamb go to get a haircut?

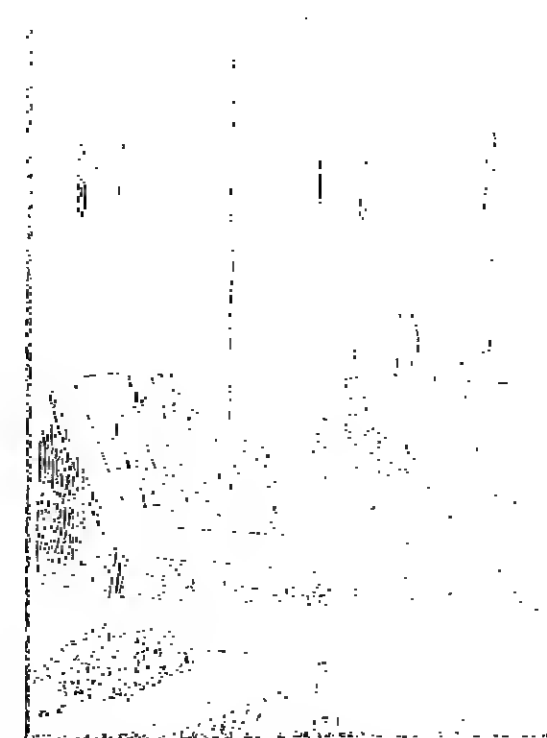
Shams: To the Baa Baa shop.

THE FAR SIDE

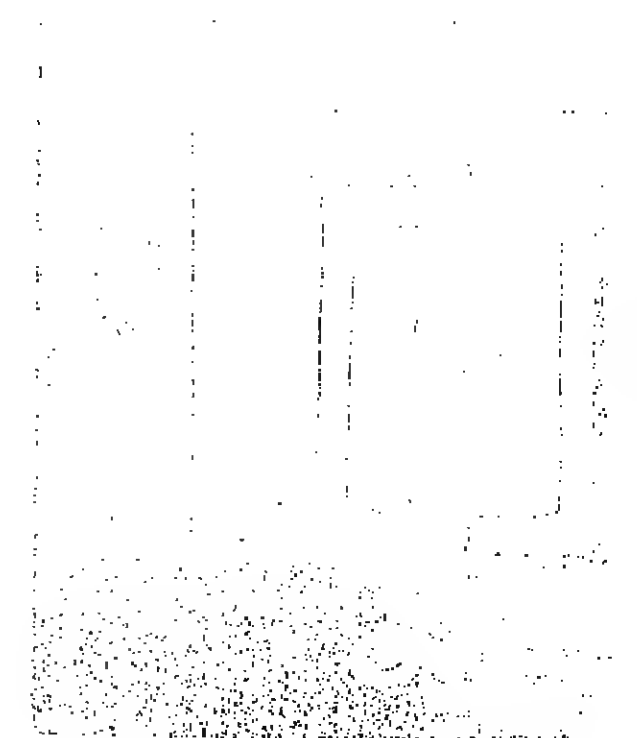
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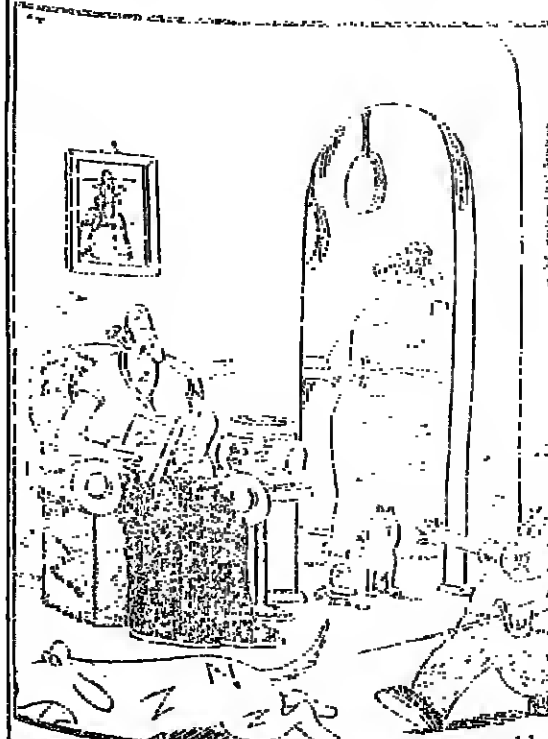
"Green blood? I hate green blood."



"Sure, I'm a creature — and I can accept that... but lately it seems I've been developing into a miserable creature."



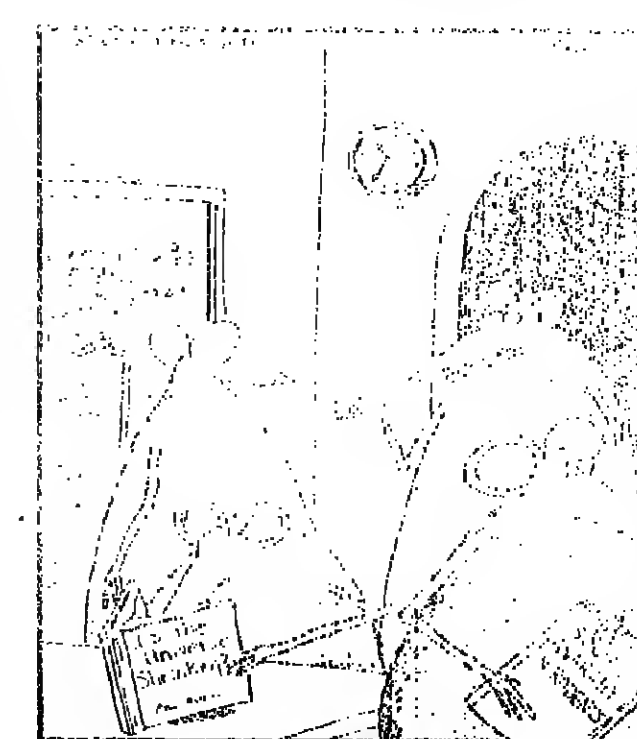
"No, well, that's not Uncle Floyd! Who is that? Chimney, I think it's just an air bubble!"



Although troubled as a child, Zorro, as is well known, ultimately found his niche in history.



Like moths to a light, the neighborhood dogs were all drawn by Emilio's uncontrollable and boundless fear.



"Aw, c'mon, you guys — the cat's away and everyone's so dead serious."

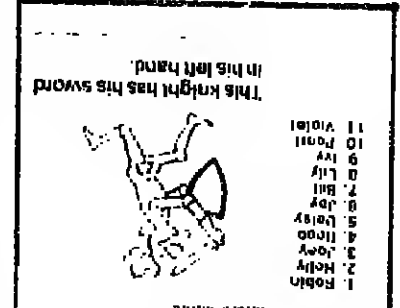
Leafy Creatures



Gather leaves of different sizes and shapes. Place the leaves on coloured paper, and draw around them. Cut out the outline, and glue your cutouts on white paper. Add cut paper features, or draw them on with markers. Write a story about your creature. Send it to the Star.

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Think Tank

Have you ever seen a lady bug? Is there such a thing as a manbug?

When a dog buries a bone, can he find it again?

Why couldn't a sheep swim very long in water?

Why can't people skate on the ocean?

When the lid of a jar is on too tightly, what can you do to try to loosen it?

How are canals and rivers alike? How are they different?

After a long dry autumn, Mr. Craig, a forest ranger, said, "If we don't get some rains soon, we could be in for big trouble." What kind of trouble was Mr. Craig referring to?

Rami: So how's your job?

Writer: It's all write

Chimney Cleaner: It soots me.

Tailor: It's sew-sew.

Elevator Operator: It has it's ups and downs

Girl: Are you an insect or a spider?

Spider: The easiest way to tell is to count my legs. Insects always have six legs. I have eight. I am a spider.

Upside umoq

It's funny how beetles, and creatures like that can walk upside down as well as walk flat.

They crawl on a ceiling and climb on a wall without any practice or trouble at all.

While I have been trying for a year (may be more) and still I can't stand with my head on the floor

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